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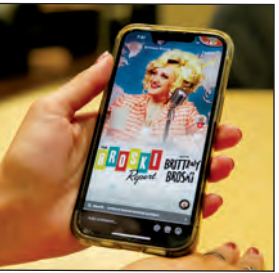


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SERVING COFFEE IN A COLLECTIVE

IC workers say several concerns have been addressed since unionizing.



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Abi Scheppmann makes a drink at Starbucks in Iowa City on Sept. 6. The Clinton Street Starbucks was the first to unionize in Iowa.

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Young workers in Iowa City successfully voted to unionize, putting Iowa on the map in the nationwide movement of collective organizing across Starbucks locations. The Clinton Street Starbucks near the University of Iowa campus became the first Starbucks to unionize in Iowa, and workers say conditions have already improved as a result.

Workers voted 25-0 in favor of unionizing this May because of issues with management. It was the largest unanimous union vote across Starbucks locations nationally.

Starbucks shift supervisor Abi Scheppmann said she had never been able to address problems

"But it's really cool being able to have a collective voice and see, especially some of the younger baristas, experience standing up for themselves, knowing that they'll go farther in life knowing that they can have a voice."

Abi Scheppmann
Starbucks shift supervisor

with management in retail jobs before until she became part of a union.

"Usually you just kind of just have to shut up and take it," she said. "But it's really cool being able to have a collective voice and see, especially some of the younger baristas, experience standing up for themselves, knowing that they'll go farther

in life knowing that they can have a voice."

Employees at the Clinton Street Starbucks say it was easy to build consensus because of their shared experiences working chaotic shifts.

"You really rely on each other [in] day-to-day

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Harry's Bar and Grill brings retro spin to IC

Owner Hart Epstein pulls inspiration from regional flavors and his late father's 1970s bookstore.



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Hart Epstein, owner of Harry's Bar and Grill, poses for a portrait in downtown Iowa City on Sept. 6.

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The menu

Iowa City's newest dining experience, Harry's Bar & Grill, brings a unique perspective to the old-school diner vibe and an all-day breakfast menu with East Coast inspiration.

Owner Hart Epstein opened the restaurant with a desire to come back into the industry after the pandemic forced him out a few years earlier.

Epstein previously owned Bluebird Diner with a business partner.

With the release of Bluebird ownership in 2020, Epstein moved to house painting until he was ready to reenter the restaurant industry.

"I wasn't really done," he said. "I felt like I had more to say, more to do. I just really missed it. The restaurant culture is unlike anything else."

He said his excitement for opening Harry's stemmed from the idea that he wouldn't have to compromise his vision or his recipes.

"It gets to be exactly what I want it to be," he said. "I don't have to run it by anybody."

Epstein regularly created comfort foods with a Southwestern-style taste during his time at Bluebird Diner. With Harry's, he wanted to give Iowa City something new.

Taking inspiration from the East Coast's classic sandwiches, he created a menu filled with flavors and ingredients uncommon to Iowa.

"There are some of my own sorts of spins on these items," he said. "Even though we say we have traditional Philly cheesesteak sandwiches, there's still a little bit of an Epstein stamp on it."

The menu includes items like "sammiches," including a fried chicken "sammich." Harry's also offers nine different omelets, many baked goods, specialty burgers, and other iconic breakfast dishes.

The use of Hatch chiles is one such spin on the inspired items. Also known as New Mexico chiles, the pepper is only grown in a small region in southern New Mexico. Epstein had 200 pounds of the pepper delivered with hopes of making

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Bids placed for IC City Council seats

A total of seven individuals filed for candidacy in the upcoming city council election.

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A total of seven candidates put in their bids for the ballot of the upcoming Iowa City City Council election on Nov. 7.

Of the seven candidates, three are running for two open at-large seats, three are running for the District A seat, and one is running for the District C seat.

Because there are more than two candidates running for the District A seat, a primary will take place on Oct. 10 to narrow down the list.

Only voters who live within District A will be able to vote in the primary. District A is made up of most of the South District and the west side of the city.

All registered voters in Iowa City are allowed to vote in the Nov. 7 general election. Below is a list of the seven candidates and their campaign issues.

At-large candidates



Josh Moe

Josh Moe is a local architect and volunteer. On his website, he stated he plans to use his professional experience as well as lived experiences to further Iowa City's development and equity goals.

Moe said some of his main goals if elected are to make public spaces more inclusive,

reach the city's climate action goals, encourage wise investments in public infrastructure, create more jobs, and improve the city's public transportation.



Mandi Remington

According to her website, Mandi Remington has lived in Iowa City for over two decades. During this time, she has worked for the city as well as the University of Iowa in various capacities, including the Iowa City Community Police Review Board and the UI Safety and Security Committee.

Remington's campaign focuses on the issues of improving public access to food, transportation, shelter and affordable housing, making the city more handicap accessible, and increasing collaboration between the city and community organizations and nonprofits.



Mazahir Salih

Mazahir Salih served on the Iowa City City Council from 2018-21, with a term as Mayor Pro Tem from 2020-21. Salih has also been involved in various other organizations in Iowa City, including executive director and co-founder of the Center for Worker Justice.

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STARBUCKS
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operations,” Schepppmann said. “To be able to have a good shift you have to make sure you’re all working well together and it just makes you friends with each other.”

Schepppmann, a University of Iowa graduate, started working for the Starbucks Corporation in 2017 in Illinois and eventually transferred to the Clinton Street location.

“Within a few months, it became obvious at this location that it’s just hard to do the job the way we’re supposed to and the way we want to,” Schepppmann said. “It’s hard to serve the customers the way we want.”

Schepppmann said there are often issues with equipment, and before unionizing there was a broken tile on the floor where spoiled milk would fall and workers couldn’t clean.

manager they were required to stay open when there were biohazards, such as a nosebleed or vomit in the restaurant, and when there were shots fired at the nearby Ped Mall.

Since the recent strike, Clinton Street workers say the manager is no longer working with the company.

The second strike occurred on Aug. 21, the first day of UI classes. For many caffeine-dependent students, going to Starbucks is part of their morning routine or afternoon pick-me-up. When workers went on strike, some customers were disappointed, but Schepppmann said the reception was fairly positive.

Being in a college town, employees say the store will get mass influxes of students between class times. Schepppmann said she loves the rushes, but at certain points, the small capacity of the store and limited equipment can’t keep up.

a location where the union doesn’t already exist,” Kochran said.

Kochran said the goal of Starbucks Workers United is for every Starbucks worker to have power in their workplace.

Paul Iversen, an educator at the UI Labor Center, said before his work as an educator, he spent 22 years as a lawyer representing unions in Minnesota.

“The conventional wisdom before the Starbucks campaign was that it was impossible or at least very difficult to organize fast food restaurants — coffee shops like Starbucks — because there’s so much turnover in employees,” Iversen said.

In the U.S., over 11 percent of all workers are represented by unions. Among employees at food service and drinking places, almost 2 percent of workers are represented by unions as of 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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collaborated with workers in Nebraska where one location was also working to become the first in their state.

August Adams is an employee at the 27th and Kensington Starbucks in Lincoln, Nebraska, which voted 18-1 in favor of unionizing on Aug. 7.

Adams reached out to Starbucks Workers United in January about unionizing and led the charge on unionizing in Lincoln.

“I’m immensely proud of the partners and my co-workers that I work with, for helping me organize the store and becoming the first unionized store in the state,” Adams said.

Although the downtown Starbucks was successful in unionizing with a unanimous vote and ousting the manager whom workers reported issues with, it has not been a frictionless effort across the nation.

“Starbucks has fought unionization very bitterly throughout the country and has been found guilty of a number of unfair labor practices: closing stores that unionized to firing people that tried to organize,” Iversen said.

Roberts, who recently moved from Iowa to Illinois, put in a transfer request and was offered a job as a Starbucks store manager in Wood Dale about a month before the Clinton Street Starbucks went on strike in July. Two days after the strike, Roberts said she got a call rescinding the offer, and the employers claimed there were allegedly no open positions in her area.

Starbucks also has yet to negotiate a new contract with Starbucks Workers

United on a national scale and is instead trying to handle contracts on a location-specific basis.

Starbucks Workers United’s demands include just cause for discipline and discharge, grievance procedure, seniority rights, a base wage of \$20 an hour, and employer-paid healthcare.

Employees at the unionized Iowa City Starbucks said they would still like to see movement on a contract, but they are proud of the progress they’ve made.

State rep. Adam Zabner, D-Iowa City, joined Starbucks workers on the picket lines in August.

Zabner, 24, said he’s proud to have the first unionized Starbucks in Iowa in his district, and that the movement is driven by young people.

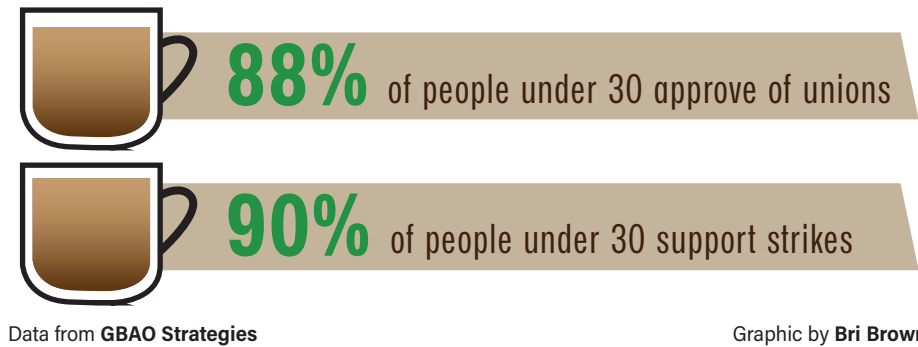
“Especially in an environment where Starbucks has been closing stores that have unionized [and] there’s been retaliation. To see that bravery and leadership from younger folks in our community, I just think it’s really really cool,” Zabner said.

As Starbucks reports record profits, Aispuro said he is proud to be part of the fight for the workers.

“We can barely pay rent. So I work hard, and where’s my cut?” Aispuro said. “Every job should be a union job. That’s how I feel about it.”

Iversen said the high-profile Starbucks Workers United campaign could inspire other workers.

“I think it’s helpful to other employees and other situations who say, ‘Look, if those baristas can do it in downtown Iowa City, you know, maybe we can do it.’”



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“And it became clear that Starbucks wasn’t looking out for us. We were looking out for each other, and unionizing was the best way to do that.”

Abi Schepppmann
Starbucks shift supervisor

“I think everyone realized that we’re in this for each other. And it became clear that Starbucks wasn’t looking out for us,” Schepppmann said. “We were looking out for each other, and unionizing was the best way to do that.”

Since unionizing, workers have held two one-day strikes. The first strike occurred in June because employees reportedly were not allowed to put up Pride month decorations, and the second strike occurred in August to protest a manager whom workers reported ongoing issues with.

Starbucks employee Luis Aispuro, who contacted Starbucks Workers United about unionizing, said the manager allegedly made comments that left employees uncomfortable, incorrectly placed supply orders that would cause the store to run out, and caused scheduling issues that contributed to a hostile environment.

Employees also reported to their district and regional

“It is overwhelming at times and that’s what I’m hoping unionizing will help with, especially if we get a contract,” Schepppmann said.

The Clinton Street location is one of 356 Starbucks nationwide to successfully unionize. The first U.S. Starbucks to unionize was in Buffalo, New York, in December 2021. According to the educational nonprofit More Perfect Union, 449 Starbucks stores across 46 states have filed to unionize as of today.

Colin Kochran works as a barista at the Walden & Anderson Starbucks location in Cheektowaga, New York, one of the first Starbucks to file for unionization. Although the vote to unionize at his location was unsuccessful, he works with Starbucks Workers United as an organizer with stores that want to unionize in Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Iowa.

“It’s particularly valuable to have a store organized in

“The issue has been with an ever-changing workforce,” Iversen said. “What has happened since COVID-19, really, is there’s been a reexamination by workers across the country of what the employment relationship is going to be like, especially in food service industries.”

Evie Roberts worked at the Clinton Street location from May 2020 to July 2023. She said sometimes employees would have COVID-19 symptoms but not have a positive test, so management required them to come to work.

“We were being told that we were frontline workers and like, we serve coffee,” Roberts said. “We shouldn’t have to be risking our health because they want to make money.”

Iversen said Starbucks is an example of a resurgence in unions since the pandemic.

“There’s a little bit of learned helplessness where people thought that taking on these big corporations wasn’t working,” Iversen said. “Well, we’ve found again that the spirit of the American worker working together can affect change, and that has helped. So every victory helps another victory.”

After the Clinton Street Starbucks became the first, and so far, the only unionized location in Iowa, they



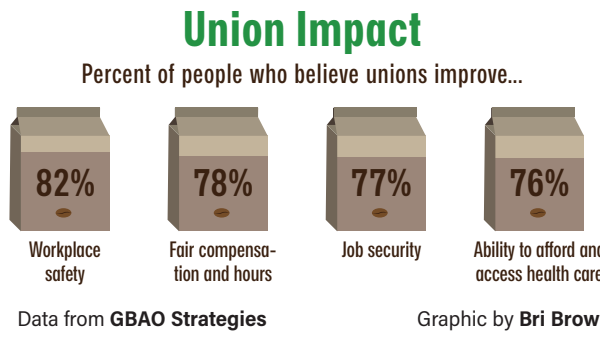
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Starbucks employee Luis Aispuro poses for a photo in Iowa City on Sept. 7.



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Guests wait for Starbucks in Iowa City on Sept. 7. Starbucks had a buy one get one deal throughout the afternoon.



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them last for the restaurant's entire first year.

Harry's general manager Lyndsey Ambrose said it has been great to have different food options, crediting Epstein for the work he put into the venue.

"He makes everything from scratch as much as possible," Ambrose said. "I really respect and admire Hart's cooking."

The restaurant also has a full bar complete with specialty drinks, and an espresso machine.

Sydney Krommendyk, a bartender at the business, said her favorite mixed drink is the Harry's mule.

"It's the ingredients you would get in a regular mule," Krommendyk said. "You're also going to get some crème de violette. That's the unique ingredient that just makes it pop. It's incredible."

She said it's also her favorite drink to make, having memorized the recipe because of how often she recommends it to customers.

The Legacy of the Epstein name

Harry's was created with an intentional dedication to Hart's father, Harry Epstein, the owner of a previous local business, Harry's Bookstore. Before clos-

ing in 1977, the store occupied a portion of the area now known as the Pedestrian Mall and was run by both Hart's father and uncle.

Hart's father died three years ago but is remembered and celebrated through the decor of his son's new business. The restaurant is adorned with photographs, canvas prints, and a large painting inscribed with "Harry's Bookstore" to commemorate the Epstein name.

"No one has ever really done much with that in terms of legacy, other than fondly remembering," Epstein said. "This isn't the exact address that the bookstore was at, but it just seemed like a good tribute to him."

He said he is thrilled to see the business

grow and thrive in the future.

"We're still kind of grinding the gears right now," he said. "I'm really looking forward to hitting that sweet spot where we're busy all the time, but it's not uncomfortable, and have ten people talking and pots and pans clanking."

"I really respect and admire Hart's cooking."

Lyndsey Ambrose
Harry's general manager

CITY COUNCIL

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If elected, Salih plans to continue her efforts on and off the council for the issues of affordable housing, transportation, economic development, and diverse representation in local government.

District A candidates



Laura Bergus

Laura Bergus has been an Iowa City councilor since 2020 and is looking to start her second term. Originally an at-large councilor, Bergus now lives within the boundaries of District A

after district boundaries were redrawn during her current term.

In her time on the city council, Bergus has advocated for racial equality, sustainability, improved public transit, and public safety measures that do not center around law enforcement involvement.



Tim Borchardt

Tim Borchardt is a long-time resident of Iowa City who worked as a supervisor at the International Automotive Components plant in Iowa City before retiring, according to an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

If elected, Borchardt wrote he plans to tighten up the city's budget, increase and

support the city's police force, make living costs more affordable, and ensure that all citizens are treated fairly and equitably regardless of their race, gender, or sexuality.



Pauline Taylor

Pauline Taylor has been on the Iowa City City Council since 2016 and is looking to secure her third term on the council this November. Taylor also served as mayor pro tem from 2018-20.

During her two terms as a councilor, Taylor has advocated for health care, affordable housing, and child care. Taylor also said another issue she would like to focus on in her time as a councilor is reducing traffic fatalities.

District C candidates



Andrew Dunn

Andrew Dunn currently serves on the Iowa City City Council and was elected in January to finish the rest of former Councilor Janice Weiner's term.

Dunn has been involved in various political organizations since 2012 and ran for a seat in the Iowa House in 2022.

If reelected, Dunn previously told the DI he plans to focus on the topics of governmental transparency, affordable housing, climate action, racial justice, and good faith development.

Coralville blood center faces shortage of donors

ImpactLife has seen its number of donors drop over the last three months.

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ImpactLife, a blood donation center in Coralville, has seen a drop in the number of donors over the past three months, according to center officials.

Kirby Winn, the center's manager of public relations, attributed this shortage to the summer season. Blood donation centers across the nation are also reporting shortages. The Red Cross reported Sept. 11 that the national blood supply has fallen by 25 percent early August.

"We do a lot of blood drives with high schools, colleges, and universities, and during the summer we don't have those events," Winn said.

Winn said in the previous year alone, ImpactLife had over 25,000 donations from school blood drives.

"Schools are a wonderful place because you've got people who are motivated to help their community, and donors are generally more healthy than the general public," Winn said.

With school not being in session over the summer, ImpactLife's blood donation drives have taken a significant hit. As of

Sept. 1, the center had a day-and-a-half supply of type O, type O-negative, and type B. For type B-negative, the center had a two-day supply.

For those outside of the school population, there are several factors that may prevent them from donating. Many people are often unable to schedule a donation or attend blood drives during the summertime because of vacations, planning complications, and other various reasons.

To meet the center's desired donation levels, ImpactLife aims to have up to five to seven days of blood supply for any given type.

Over the past three months, however, the center has seen the number of donors dwindle, making it significantly harder to reach that goal.

"As we come in through that we think things are going to pick back up because the school year is starting up again, but currently we have approximately 600 fewer donors than we would like," Winn said.

ImpactLife also donated a portion of its blood supply to Florida medical centers in the wake of Hurricane Idalia which hit the peninsula in August. Winn said they have only shipped what they

feel comfortable sending out without putting local hospitals at risk.

"There are hospitals within our region where we have a commitment as we are their blood providers and we will be no matter what," Winn said.

COVID-19 played a partial role in this shortage as many of ImpactLife's scheduled blood drives have had to be canceled because of an uptick in infections.

Additionally, the donation center saw a drop in blood donations during COVID-19 as more and more people began skipping or canceling their appointments.

On Sept. 5, ImpactLife received four units of whole blood, with the expectation of a total of eight units by the end of the day. They typically receive 15-17 units on average, depending on the day.

Rich LeMay, the site supervisor at ImpactLife, also equated the drop in donations at ImpactLife specifically to fewer people being willing to donate for free.

"Living in a college town, kids are often trying to find a way to make money and go to the plasma centers [like BioLife], who

offer a different service and can receive cash for their donation," LeMay said.

Skip Kempnich, who has type O blood, has one of the rarest and most needed blood types. Formally employed at the Registrar's Office at the University of Iowa, he first heard about ImpactLife from his son, an employee at the center.

"It is such a pleasant experience, and it only hurts a little bit. It takes very little time, and there is always a need for blood."

"Schools are a wonderful place because you've got people who are motivated to help their community, and donors are generally more healthy than the general public."

Kirby Winn
Blood center's manager of public relations

UI professors research early Parkinson's detection

The study, financed by federal funds, aims to use an algorithm to diagnose the neurologic disease.

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Professors at the University of Iowa are looking to use a computer algorithm to detect the early stages of Parkinson's disease, a debilitating neurological disorder that results in tremors and other neurological symptoms.

The study received over \$1.8 million in funding from the National Institute of Health's National Institute on Aging. The disease currently affects about one million Americans, with no cure currently and limited treatments to manage the disease's progression.

Currently, diagnosing Parkinson's can take months of intensive interviews with patients, and Parkinson's experts are few and far between in rural areas.

Soura Dasgupta, a UI professor and one of the principal investigators on the project, said people who live in rural areas may not have access to these diagnosis methods, leading to late diagnoses or no diagnosis at all.

One of the researchers' new methods to diagnose Parkinson's involves an electroencephalogram (EEG), a medical device that detects brainwaves through electrodes placed on a patient's head. EEGs are prevalent in most medical centers around the country.

The research team of UI professors have been working on developing a less complex algorithm to use with an EEG to not only diagnose Parkinson's, but to track the disorder's progress over time within patients.

Nandakumar Narayanan, a UI professor of neurology, originally had the idea to use an EEG when he observed something interesting while working with patients.

"So as a neurologist, I've noticed that my patients with dementia have abnormal brain waves and I wondered if there would be a way to use my observation, that patients have abnormal brain rhythms, for diagnosis and following patients," Narayanan said. "And that's when I turned to Dasgupta."

Dasgupta is a professor at the College of Engineering, his main role in the study involves developing the actual algorithm

for the EEG.

This algorithm cuts down the time of diagnosis to five to six minutes rather than other methods, like lumbar taps or questionnaires, which can take hours and be expensive.

The algorithm also allows the creation of a "biomarker" so the team can track the patient's progress and predict things.

Ergun Uc, the director of the UI Division of Movement Disorders and another UI professor of neurology, elaborated on the importance of the EEG.

"We lack feasible, accurate diagnostic and predictive markers, so here the EEG as a technique has been around for many decades, and also this particular technique does not require any special EEG, it only relies on resting EEG [data]," Uc said.

One factor that made the study so effective was its geographic location, Dasgupta said. He noted that the UI is uniquely situated with its access to UI Hospitals and Clinics, which has resources that allow for the collection of new EEG data, and a record of past recordings which can be used to correlate with the progress of patients.

Uc said the study received the federal grant because of the collaborations between the Colleges of Engineering and Medicine at the UI.

"There are great opportunities, also a very broad and deep expertise in many fields, so we should look for fruitful collaborations across the campus and keep working together to advance science, to have more patients," Uc said.

The team will continue testing and development of the algorithm and have not yet finalized a release date for the technology.

"We should look for fruitful collaborations across the campus and keep working together to advance science."

Ergun Uc
Director of the UI Division of Movement Disorders

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A west side dorm on campus to replace Mayflower would improve student life, health, and accessibility.



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Mayflower Residence Hall is seen in Iowa City on June 21.



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Opinions Columnist

A solemn and desolate part of the west side campus sits just across the river from the University of Iowa Pentacrest and downtown Iowa City.

The west side of the UI's campus has fewer dormitories than the housing options across the river. Dorms on the east side intertwine with the university's largest colleges as well as the vibrant, energetic scene of the downtown district.

Now, the east side of campus is expected to gain more students after the university announced plans to sell Mayflower Residence Hall.

The new dorm should be built on the west side of campus to open the door for a better social life, accessibility, and dining. These benefits will not only be felt by residents of the new dorm but by all other residents on the west side.

A UI Housing and Dining report shows that the UI plans to construct a 250-400-bed residence hall on UI-owned land within the east side residence hall neighborhoods. Out of the four places proposed to build a new dorm, the UI provided only one west side location at the Hillcrest Residence Hall parking lot for consideration as a long-term housing site option.

It is proven that the location of a dorm can affect student life. The UI stated in a report that the distance of Mayflower Residence Hall negatively affected its student residents, and therefore a new dorm located closer to central campus will improve student's social life and dining experience.

Construction of the dorm on the west side could also improve accessibility around campus. There are currently three Cambus bus stops that serve the west side dorms, all of which can only be accessed via Grand Avenue, a street farther away from main campus, according to the inter-dorm bus route. The selected location would place the dorm beside Newton Road, a road leading directly to the main campus. Constructing the dorm in this location could

lead to the opening of new roads, trails, and bus routes that give all west side residents easier access to campus resources.

If dining is another deciding factor in the location of the dorm, the west side remains a viable option. Hillcrest Residence Hall is currently the only west side dorm that houses a large dining facility.

A new west side dorm with a dining hall of its own would be a great benefit to all the residents west of the river. Since there are currently two dining halls on the east side, the addition of a dining hall on the west side would add balance.

The UI claims that part of their reasoning for selling Mayflower was a noticeable trend in Mayflower residents obtaining relatively low grade point averages.

Studies show that nature and its sounds can increase productivity and happiness, according to the National Institutes of Health. A key feature of the west side is its greenery and vast amount of open space. Nestled between trees and small hills, the west side possesses a peace and tranquility that greatly contrasts with the bustle and distractions of downtown.

With a stark contrast between the east and west sides of campus, constructing the new dorm on the west side can add greater balance to campus while also improving student life and wellness.

The university should consider these factors that students care about when finalizing the new dorm location.

Potential locations of the new UI dorm



Locator map by Panfua Thao

COLUMN

Minnesota has it figured out

State legislatures need to realize what kind of progressive laws are possible and make change.



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Minnesota's Legislature has set a benchmark for every Democrat-controlled state legislature in the country.

Minnesota's Democrat-majority House and Senate have been on a generational tear. In 2023 alone, Minnesota lawmakers have legalized recreational cannabis, established universal background checks and red flag laws for gun purchases, and created a new child tax credit. Even all this is just scratching the surface of what they've done this year.

Minnesota has sent a clear message to the other states where Democrats control the state House, Senate, and Governor's Mansion: If you have the votes, you have no excuses to not tackle these issues efficiently.

Minnesota's productive year has been especially impressive when you put the makeup of its legislature in the context of the rest of the nation. Minnesota is one of 17 states in the country where Democrats control the House, Senate, and Governorship, otherwise known as a Democratic trifecta. Of those states, Minnesota is one of three that went under total Democratic control just this year.

To put that in perspective, some of the other states that have a Democratic trifecta have had it for over ten years. Delaware has even had a Democrat trifecta since 2009.

One of the Minnesota Legislature's biggest accomplishments this year was making school meals free in every single public and charter school in the state. While it was able to get this done in a matter of months, it was only the third state in the nation that has done so. Since Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz signed the bill in March, five more states have joined the movement. Surprisingly, only two of those states were ones with Democratic trifectas: Michigan and Massachusetts.

As for the other issues, a lot of states have progressive legislation on gun control and marijuana legalization, but they were still not as nearly as productive as they could have been, as shown by Minnesota. If they had the urgency Minnesota has been moving with, they could have passed exponentially more legislation than they have on issues like healthcare and infrastructure given the years they've had to do it.

Whatever they've accomplished in that time, the point is that Minnesota has done this with incredible speed, and other states should get on their tempo.

So why aren't other states fighting these issues as fast? They have had years to get these things done, as opposed to the well under a year Minnesota has had.

It is easy to say they are getting other things done or have more urgent matters, and that is certainly true to an extent, given that every state has its own unique issues and challenges.

But whatever reasons may exist, every state legislature, especially the Democrat-controlled ones, should see Minnesota as a prime example of what happens when your party is well-organized and cares about the people.

This is a lesson for voters as well. It is ironic to complain about a representative if you do nothing to select one or put pressure on a current one. Do your research, knock on doors, make calls, donate to campaigns, and obviously, show up on Election Day. Even after that, put pressure on your representatives to do better. Every small action counts.

If state Democrats are smart, they will look to Minnesota and take a page out of its book. It is time for Democrats across the nation to stop worrying about the obstacles and hit the gas on legislation. If they can get all of this done in nine months, imagine what could be done in 10 years.

COLUMN

Iowa schools need critical race theory

Despite the controversy, critical race theory is key for a proper history education.



Jordan Coates
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In recent years, the topic of critical race theory in Iowa schools has stirred significant controversy and debate. However, it is necessary for schools to accurately teach history and how the law and legislation interact with race in the U.S.

In 2021, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed House File 802 into law to ban the teaching of critical race theory, which prohibits man-

datory training and discussion of several race-related topics in K-12 classrooms.

Iowa has a lot to gain from understanding critical race theory, and it should be taught in Iowa public schools. The state's primarily white demographic and educational landscape make it especially necessary to implement critical race theory in the curriculum.

According to a statement from Gov. Reynolds in 2021, critical race theory is about labels and stereotypes, not education.

"It teaches kids that we should judge others based on race, gender, or sexual identity rather than the content of someone's character," she said.

Unfortunately, those who oppose critical race theory being taught in schools are

refusing to acknowledge America's racist history. Some even go as far as to argue that critical race theory is racist against white people.

In reality, critical race theory is an academic hypothesis that racism goes beyond prejudices and that it is a "systemic phenomenon," according to the NAACP Defense Fund.

Critical race theory's purpose is not to shame anyone for being white or say that being white is wrong but to provide students with the knowledge to understand systemic race issues to make a more equitable society.

In Iowa, the median income for Black residents is \$10,000 less than the state's median income. Although African Americans make up just 4 percent of Iowa's

population, they make up more than 25 percent of the prison population.

It is clear the effects of systemic racial discrimination are still present in Iowa, which makes the need for critical race theory in our schools even greater.

Critical race theory is meant to challenge traditional education and focus on concerns such as color blindness, discrimination, and equal opportunity.

Providing students with the opportunity to process racial trauma and historical discrimination and devaluation in public schools is a necessary step in giving Iowans the tools to understand racial inequalities that affect their life outcomes and make the changes necessary to create a racially equitable society.

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UI students voice concerns about campus diversity

A mostly white campus has led some UI students of color to struggle in their efforts to find community.



Grace Smith | The Daily Iowan

University of Iowa third-year transfer student Dania Green poses for a portrait on the Pentacrest in Iowa City on Sept. 11. Green studies art and fine arts at the UI and enjoys painting and portraiture, inspired by all types of people and cultures. Being a transfer student and student of color at the UI, Green said she feels drained by the lack of diversity on campus, saying it's taken much more energy to adjust to campus with a small number of students of color.

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It didn't even take a week for cameras to start following first-year University of Iowa student Euan Mugisha.

He said he noticed UI photographers focusing on him at a bingo event during On Iowa! programming.

"There'll be times when I am more marketable," Mugisha, who is African American, said. "I have no issue with it."

Despite having a large campus and many programs that promote diversity, the UI is a predominantly white institution. This has made it more difficult for students of color on campus to find community. This rings true for Mugisha.

Data conducted by the UI Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department revealed that in fall 2021, almost 75 percent of the student population was white.

When asked why they believe that is, current students of color responded that it was due to lacking of advertisement for programs,

miscommunication, and knowing that Iowa's population is predominantly white.

However, according to a UI Campus Climate survey, 27 percent of faculty and staff agreed that attention to DEI distracts from academic goals and achieving the university's mission. Additionally, 36 percent said there is too much emphasis on DEI-related programming. In two questions on the 2022 UI Campus Climate survey, 27 percent of faculty and staff agreed that attention to DEI distracts from academic goals and achieving the university's mission. Additionally, 36 percent said there is too much emphasis put on DEI issues.

Third-year transfer student Dania Green, who is African American, said she feels passionate about diversity and inclusion on campus.

Green said she is used to the lack of diversity at the UI.

"I've been going to predominantly white schools my whole life," Green said. "This is nothing different, but actually being here with thousands of students and the majority being white is overwhelming at times when you go in every room and you're the only Black girl or minority. It is the same, but on a bigger level now."

Mugisha said he knew it would be a challenge to find students who looked like him

and had similar cultural experiences because of the racial demographics on campus.

"It's just the lack of people of color at the University of Iowa is very evident, and it's very prevalent," Mugisha said.

Other students also described feeling exhausted and lost when being isolated in a crowd of people unlike themselves. However, Mugisha says the lack of diversity was "how it always was" growing up as a Black man, so he was used to it.

Mugisha said he struggled with feeling out of place and alienated.

"It's a little difficult just not being around people that look like you," Mugisha said. "It's not the university's fault. It's just the nature of the game."

For students struggling to find community, Iowa does provide programs for students of color to connect with each other and resources to help them succeed. The Center for Inclusive Academic Excellence at the UI provides programs with the goals of building these communities and celebrating cultures.

UI Center for Inclusive and Academic Excellence Director Tabitha Wiggins said the center aims to eliminate equity gaps as much as it can, so it partners and works with many community and university partners including Iowa Edge, Housing and Dining, Tippie College of Business, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Mugisha joined the Business Edge Program, a program to promote diversity in the business school. Mugisha said he expected to find a community eventually as he joined more clubs and

organizations.

Green joined the Iowa Edge program, a program emphasizing minority groups that allows them to connect with each other and resources on campus before school starts.

With programs like Iowa Edge, Green said, it has been easier to connect with other students of color, but that it would definitely be more difficult for people if they were not a part of those programs.

"The upper hand of Edge is meeting people like you before school even started," Green said.

With the help of the program, she has been able to find people like herself to connect with.

Another Iowa Edge participant, first-year student Daniela Pintor-Mendoza, lives in one of the nine Living Learning Communities throughout UI Housing and Dining at Iowa. Her floor, "Unidos," means "united" in Spanish.

Daniela said the Unidos LLC was a great place to meet people with similar interests and identities. Without the LLC and the Iowa Edge program, she said she often felt intimidated because she was with unfamiliar groups of people.

Green said the university has the capabilities and programs to be a thriving diverse campus.

"The culture is different because people come from all over the world which is different from community college because most people are coming from a common and familiar community. But here you're able to meet new people and different cultures and backgrounds," Green said.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

• **'RAIN MAN' AT FILMSCENE WITH TALKBACK BY SCREENWRITER BARRY MARROW**

Rain Man, Best Picture of the Year in 1988, was considered groundbreaking in its depiction of autism and other intellectual disabilities. See a showing of the film for its 35th anniversary and a chat with screenwriter Barry Marrow on his inspirations for the film this week.

6:30 P.M. | FILMSCENE AT THE CHAUNCEY

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

• **NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: THE ART OF VOTING**

Attend the first installment of a new series from the Stanley Museum of Art called Night at the Museum. The first installment, The Art of Voting, is partnering with Hawk the Vote to encourage civic engagement and highlight art related to political activism.

5 P.M. | STANLEY MUSEUM OF ART

• **ADA ZHANG IN CONVERSATION WITH JAMEL BRINKLEY**

Attend a reading of Ada Zhang's book "The Sorrows of Others" at Prairie Lights. "The Sorrows of Others" is a collection of short stories featuring characters of Chinese and Chinese-American roots.

7 P.M. | PRAIRIE LIGHTS

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 16

• **MINDS MATTER: A MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR**

Featuring guest speakers and booths from agencies of the North Liberty, Coralville, and Iowa City area, Minds Matter is meant to connect families with mental health resources.

10 A.M. | SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 18

• **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA DEAF WEEK - VOLLEYBALL NIGHT**

Enjoy a game of volleyball in addition to learning how deaf and hearing athletes can work together on the court.

7 P.M. | FIELD HOUSE COURTS 2, 4, 6

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 20

• **FLEXIBLE MASCULINITIES: NEGOTIATING GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND NATION IN GLOBAL ASIA**

Catch this virtual lecture detailing masculinity analyzed in the global contexts of Taiwan, Singapore, and South Korea.

5 P.M. | ZOOM

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

• **UI SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OPEN HOUSE: SPORTS, POWER, AND RESISTANCE: OBERMANN ARTS & HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM**

Explore the Special Collections gallery curated in conjunction with the Sports, Power, and Resistance: Legacies and Futures — Obermann Arts & Humanities Symposium.

3 P.M. | UI MAIN LIBRARY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

• **SPORTS, POWER, AND RESISTANCE OBERMANN ARTS & HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM**

Attend the keynote address from speaker Samantha N. Sheppard. Sheppard has a background in teaching courses on global cinema, sports films, and Blackness on screen.

6:30 P.M. | FILMSCENE AT THE CHAUNCEY

• **DEAF WEEK PANEL: LIFE STORIES**

Listen to a panel of deaf and hard of hearing Iowans talk about their life experiences with topics of educational experiences, language use, family relationships, and identity. A video recording is available upon request to the ASL program.

7 P.M. | PAPPAJOHN BUSINESS BUILDING W10

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 22

• **DEAF WEEK PANEL**

Join a panel discussion on sign language interpreting that will discuss topics of a shortage among interpreters, lack of interpreter accommodations, and communication equity challenges.

7 P.M. | SEAMANS CENTER 3655

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GOP CANDIDATES FLOCK TO CY-HAWK GAME

The Cy-Hawk game garnered both fans and politicians to the state on Sept. 9.



Emily Nyberg | The Daily Iowan

An attendee at 10.23 a.m. watches Republican presidential candidate E. W. Jackson speak during the 4th District tailgate Presidential Rally in Nevada, Iowa, on Sept. 9.

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Half a dozen 2024 Republican presidential candidates took the stage at the Story County Fairgrounds to talk with Iowa voters hours before the state's biggest rivalry in college football kicked off on Sept. 9.

The tailgate and presidential rally in Nevada, Iowa, gave a platform for Republican candidates to stump voters with the caucuses just over four months away.

Approximately 200 people were in attendance, with appearances from candidates including biotech entrepreneur Vivek

Ramaswamy, former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, Texas businessman and pastor Ryan Binkley, U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, and Rev. E.W. Jackson.

Participating counties represented themselves by parking bright red trucks with American flags along the border of the arena.

Candidates spoke on a stage in the fairgrounds arena, adorned with the GOP symbols, red tractors, and a large, waving American flag.

Behind the stacks of bleachers, various Republican organizations set up tables and spoke with attendees.

Attendees wore a mix of Hawkeye and ISU gear and many carried signs in pro-

test of the carbon pipeline. Attendees took pictures on a tractor enshrouded in Trump merchandise.

Despite Former President Trump not attending the event, he was a main topic of conversation amongst the candidates. Candidates also focused on President Joe Biden, his administration, and border security.

The organizing group, the Fourth Congressional District, reportedly set a goal for 3,500 people to attend the event, but the attendance of only around 200 left the event empty.

Trump, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, and Hutchinson were seen at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Saturday. Trump attended the game from a private viewing area at the top

of the stadium.

The Cy-Hawk face off was Trump's second Iowa visit in the last month, after his campaign went to the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines in mid-August.

Trump received a mix response from both Iowa and Iowa State fans during his shout-out at the game. A few fans booed.

The tailgate held a straw poll resulting in Trump on top with 37 percent, followed by Ramaswamy at 21 percent, DeSantis with 13 percent, and 9 percent polled for Haley.

The remaining candidates made up the leftover 20 percent, except Chris Christie who received no votes.

Liam Halawith contributed to this report.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES IN ATTENDANCE AT STORY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

In a *Des Moines Register* poll of likely Iowa Republican caucusgoers published after the first debate in August, none of the candidates in attendance ranked within the top five picks for president.



6th

Vivek Ramaswamy

Entrepreneur, ranked sixth in the polls with **4 percent**.



7th

Doug Burgum

Governor of North Dakota, ranked seventh in the polls with **2 percent**.



8th

Will Hurd

Former Rep. for Texas' 23rd Congressional District, ranked eighth in the polls with **1 percent**.



9th

Ryan Binkley

Buisnessman and Pastor, tied for ninth in the polls with **0 percent**.



9th

Asa Hutchinson

Former Governor of Arkansas, tied for ninth in the polls with **0 percent**.



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E. W. Jackson

Protestant Minister from Virginia, was **not ranked** in the top 15.

Ayrton Breckenridge | The Daily Iowan
Republican presidential candidate and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis talks with members of the media before the Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9 (Left).



Ayrton Breckenridge | The Daily Iowan
Republican presidential candidate and former President Donald Trump waves to supporters before the Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9 (Right).



Emily Nyberg | The Daily Iowan
An Iowa voter watches U.S. Rep. Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa, speak during the 4th District tailgate Presidential Rally in Nevada, Iowa, on Sept. 9. Although Former President Donald Trump was not in attendance, avid supporter Garry Leffler spoke to the crowd. Leffler, who was a GOP candidate for Iowa's Third Congressional District in 2022 spoke highly of the former president and teared up as he mentioned Trump's support of the military, recounting his family's history of service. Leffler ended his speech by saying the ultimate goal of the upcoming election should be getting President Joe Biden out of office.



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CARRYING ON A LEGACY

Iowa cross country senior Kelli Tosic is proud to follow in the footsteps of her mother, a former Hawkeye.



Photo contributed by Jenny Spangler of herself running for the Hawkeyes.

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Before running in the 1996 Summer Olympics, Jenny Spangler was a Hawkeye. Her daughter, senior distance runner Kelli Tosic, is now writing her own name in Hawkeye history.

As a sophomore, Spangler led the Hawkeye women's cross country team to its first Big Ten Championship title. A few years later, she was inducted into the University of Iowa Women's Track & Field Hall of Fame as well as the Road Runner's Club of America Hall of Fame in 2007.

Although Spangler had incredible statistical success with the Black and Gold, she remembers the bonds she made with her teammates much more than the races themselves.

"People ask me about my times and things like that, but it's more about the team experience," Spangler said.

After Spangler's college career, she transitioned to marathoning. She won the women's marathon in the Olympic Trials with a 2:29:54 finish, and was crowned the 1996 U.S. National Champion in the Marathon. She competed in the women's marathon at the 1996 Atlanta summer games but ultimately dropped out along with 20 other Olympians.

In 2003, two years after Tosic was born, Spangler also won the masters section of the Chicago Marathon where she set an American Masters' record with a time of 2:32:38.

With such a medal-spangled record, it's no wonder Tosic became a runner.

"We're a running family, so Kelli has been running all of her life," Spangler said. "I even used to push her in the baby jogger when she was little."

After graduating from the baby jogger, Tosic ran her first race at the age of four.

"At first, I was just running as a hobby," Tosic said. "I would always do the random neighborhood 5Ks as a kid, and it was just a fun extra thing my family did."

But Tosic still finds running to be fun. The only difference is that her hobby has now turned into a talent.

In middle school, Tosic began running for a humble cross country program. She even recalls wearing cotton T-shirts during races instead of jerseys.

TOSIC | 3B

Dynamic duo

Elle Otto, Kenzie Roling have been key to Iowa women's soccer team.



Theodore Retinasins | The Daily Iowan

The University of Iowa Women's Soccer Team takes on their in state rivals the Iowa State Cyclones. Kenzie Roling takes a shot from deep. Hawkeyes take the win 2-1.

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Junior forwards Elle Otto and Kenzie Roling have been key to the Iowa women's soccer team's 6-0-1 record to open the season — the program's best start since 2019.

Otto leads Iowa with three goals while Roling leads the Hawkeyes with four assists.

"[Roling] makes such an impact on the field," Otto said. "The tempo is just faster, and she knows how to play with me."

On the field, Roling and Otto's dynamic has been important in attack with both players offering a different skill set.

Otto is talented on the ball and is comfortable and confident in possession, allowing the attack to develop. Roling said that she's grown and learned a lot by working with Otto, especially in her passing ability.

Otto plays one-two passes with sophomore forward Shae Doherty on the right. This creates opportunities for Doherty to get forward and shoot or put a cross into the

box for Roling to apply the finishing touch.

"They just play so well off each other," Doherty said. "If I make a run to the endline, it's not going to go to waste because they will do everything they can to get to the end of it."

When it comes to speed, Roling has plenty of space behind the opposition's back line and stretch defenses to create gaps for Iowa's midfielders to fill in the attack.

Roling said neither her nor Otto are selfish players, and Iowa's head coach Dave DiIanni wants to see them shoot the ball a little more. DiIanni said that Otto's transfer to the Hawkeyes has been "a godsend."

"We're both people that want to win the ball back," Otto said. "But we both obviously have our different strengths."

Otto thinks Roling has played a massive role in all the team's wins this year. Doherty added that Roling's consistent work ethic and willingness to put her body on the line have been crucial to begin this season.

But the key to Roling and Otto's success is their relationship off the field. The two have been best friends since Otto's transfer from Mississippi State to Iowa in

SOCCER | 3B

Homegrown Hawkeye

Iowa men's golf transfer Cale Leonard hopes to make an impact during the 2023 golf season.

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After snagging Josh Lundmark in the transfer portal, Iowa men's golf head coach Tyler Stith sought another solid piece to help his team make a regional run.

So, he headed west on Interstate 80 and picked up sophomore Cale Leonard from Drake.

Leonard was a late addition to the Hawkeyes, as he was added to the roster on Aug. 16 — under a month before the season opener.

"Cale is an extremely hard worker. He's got a lot of golf experience," Stith said. "I'm hoping that he comes in and sets a great example with his work ethic."

During his freshman season at Drake, Leonard posted two top-25 finishes, one of those coming at the Iowa Fall Classic. Despite early success with the Bulldogs, Leonard realized that it was time for greener pastures.

"Drake wasn't really a good fit for me," he said. "I always grew up wanting to go to a bigger school."

It didn't help that the Bulldogs spent most of last season at or near the bottom of most tournaments, including a last-place finish at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in Illinois in April.

He competed in his first tournament in a Hawkeye uniform at the annual ANF Fall Classic on Sept. 5-6. He struggled and scored 221, putting him at five over par and earning him a 25th-place finish.

As a team, Iowa finished in second place behind Iowa State, nearly overcoming a 13-stroke deficit. Out of the 12 teams competing in the tournament, only the Hawkeyes and the Cyclones finished under par.

Leonard has played golf in the state of Iowa his entire life. He grew up in Ottumwa, Iowa, a town of about 25,000 people on the banks of the Des Moines River. There's only one golf course in the entire town, but that didn't stop him from becoming a star.

He received numerous awards during his career at Ottumwa High School. He won the class 4A individual state championship during his senior season, the 2022 Midwest Junior championship, and the 2020 Iowa Golf Association Junior Player of the Year.

As a Hawkeye, he hopes to play a big role on the team for the remainder of his career. He stressed hard work and doing what he can to crack the starting lineup.

Leonard and the Hawkeyes will travel to Chicago for the Chicago Highlands Collegiate on Sept. 18-19. The event will be hosted by Wake Forest University.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- Volleyball**
Friday, Sept. 15
 Syracuse Invite
 At Syracuse, N.Y.
 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 16**
 Iowa vs. Cornell
 At Syracuse, N.Y.
 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 21**
 Big Ten opener
 Iowa vs. Minnesota
 6 p.m., FSI and Hawkeye Radio Network
- Soccer**
Sunday, Sept. 17
 Iowa vs. Illinois
 1 p.m., Big Ten Plus
- Thursday, Sept. 21**
 At Wisconsin
 7 p.m., Big Ten Plus
- Field Hockey**
Friday, Sept. 15
 Iowa vs. Merrimack College
 11:30 a.m., Big Ten Plus
- Men's Golf**
Monday, Sept. 18 - 19
 At Chicago Highlands Collegiate
- Women's Golf**
Sunday, Sept. 17 - Tuesday, Sept. 19
 At Badger Invite

HAWKEYE UPDATES

Major milestone:



Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz reached his 200th career win on Sept. 9 with the Hawkeyes' 20-13 victory over the Iowa State Cyclones. He is only the 27th coach to reach 200 victories at an FBS institution. Ferentz reached the feat as the longest-tenured Division I football coach and Iowa's all-time winningest coach. His resume includes an AP College Football Coach of the Year award and four Big Ten Coach of the Year nods. Ferentz was quick to credit his success to the coaches and players around him. "It's more about the experiences and the people you get to work with," he said. "Whether it was that group right there [or] even going back to 1999... A lot of good people come through this program... so I just feel really fortunate to have a chance to work with high-quality folks."

Recruitment roundup:

Iowa landed an in-state talent on Sept. 8 in offensive tackle Nick Brooks from Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School. The four-star prospect joined Pleasant Valley defensive lineman Joey VanWetzinga as the second commit in Iowa's 2025 class. Brooks spent his sophomore season at Alpharetta St. Francis in Georgia before returning to Cedar Rapids for his junior season. The 6-foot-7, 345-pound tackle is the top-ranked recruit in the state for his class. He picked Iowa over Alabama, Penn State, LSU, Florida State, Georgia, and Tennessee, to name a few. He was on a visit during the Hawkeyes' season opener against Utah State and said he loved the atmosphere. "It means a lot to stay home," Brooks said. "I am 20 minutes from the stadium, so my parents will be at all the games. My family is happy about the decision."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I just kept my head down every day and went to work because I knew my time would come."

Jaziun Patterson
Iowa running back

STAT OF THE WEEK

6

The number of times Iowa football has consecutively beaten Iowa State in Ames.

Invaluable experience

Iowa field hockey goalie Mia Magnotta uses last season's lessons to her advantage.

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Iowa field hockey goalie Mia Magnotta was in a tough situation last season.

While she possesses the talent to start at a lot of other programs, she found herself behind fifth-year senior and National Field Hockey Coaches Association second-team All-American Grace McGuire at Iowa.

"Honestly she could have been the starting goalkeeper at any other university last year. That's how good of a goalkeeper she was," Iowa head coach Lisa Cellucci said. "We just had an All-American in front of her."

Before the Hawkeyes competed at the 2022 Big Ten Championships, McGuire got injured and could not start for the first time in 55 contests.

Magnotta got the nod and made her second collegiate appearance and first career start for the Hawkeyes in the conference tournament.

"At first I was definitely nervous because I feel like it's big pressure," Magnotta said. "With Grace McGuire, the previous goalkeeper, I had really big shoes to fill."

Despite the 3-0 loss to No. 6 Michigan at the Big Ten Tournament, Magnotta showed promise of how well she could perform later down the line.

Entering the NCAA Tournament, Magnotta was still named the starting goalkeeper. In the last two contests of the season, she showed how much talent she really had.

In the first-round game against No. 5 Virginia, Magnotta helped the No. 11 Hawkeyes pull off an upset with one of the best performances of her career.

The Forty-Fort, Pennsylvania, product held the Cavaliers to one goal in the 45th minute of play. Her two saves led the then-first year to



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Iowa goalkeeper Mia Magnotta directs teammates during a field hockey exhibition match between Iowa and Northwestern at Grant Field in Iowa City on Aug. 19. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats, 3-1.

her first career win as a keeper.

In the Elite Eight, Magnotta played even better. Against the No. 3 Northwestern Wildcats, Magnotta only allowed one goal and recorded four saves on the day.

"It gave her an invaluable experience to be able to have to step into a Big Ten Tournament and then an NCAA Tournament," Cellucci said. "To put herself in that pressure situation you just can't replicate something like that. I think it really accelerated her readiness to step in this year."

Magnotta was named the 2023 season starter in front of the cage. Expectations were high for Magnotta, but she was just ready for the opportunity to see the field.

"Personally, I was just excited to play field hockey with my friends, that's the expectation every year,"

Magnotta said. "These girls are my teammates, but also my great friends on and off the field. Mainly I was just ready to compete and grow and learn."

So far this season Magnotta has shown off her talent. She has only allowed three goals this season with 14 saves. Her four shutouts in six games are the best out of any Big Ten goalie.

"First of all, she's a super athletic and fast goalkeeper," Cellucci said. "She is very diligent about her preparation which I love, being a former goalkeeper myself. She's asking questions and is doing a great job organizing the defense, which is one of her main roles."

The three goals Magnotta has allowed places Iowa at the top of the conference in defense, tied

with Northwestern. The defense has been one of the strongest elements of the Iowa field hockey squad and Magnotta has been a big factor in that success.

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Mia Magnotta
Iowa field hockey goalie

POINT | COUNTERPOINT

Which Iowa football rivalry is best?



Matt McGowan
Pregame Editor

CY-HAWK

Compared to Iowa football's other rivalry trophies, the Cy-Hawk trophy might not be the most uniquely named or elaborately decorated. It isn't even an actual piece of livestock, either. Instead, in the words of MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred, the trophy is simply a "piece of metal." However, both Hawkeye and Cyclone players and fans know that this trophy just means more.

Iowa football may drop the occasional heartbreaking loss to a regional opponent such as Nebraska like it did last November, but the aftermath of such a defeat will be subdued. Fan message boards might be ignited with banter, but it's not like a Hawkeye fan is going to run into their Cornhusker counterparts that often in Iowa.

In a Cy-Hawk contest, fans of both sides live among each other. The rivalry divides families and friends once a year in a battle for bragging rights.

Even Hawkeye players have bad blood with the town two hours west of Iowa City. Punter Tory Taylor sarcastically commented how he loved playing in front of "8-year-olds hanging over the fence giving you the rude finger."

After Iowa's victory on Saturday, cornerback Cooper DeJean said he remembered how Cyclone players "said some things" to the Hawkeyes after Iowa State won, 10-7, last year at Kinnick.

Clearly, the players remember the good, bad, and ugly of every Cy-Hawk battle and treat the trophy with respect. Even though the hardware is just a wood block with two metal birds on top, and has only been in existence since 1977, hoisting it in the air means the world.

When Iowa defeats Nebraska, Minnesota, or Wisconsin, the state of Iowa remains the same. On the other hand, when Iowa beats Iowa State, the state of Iowa gains a new title: "The Hawkeye State."



Brad Schultz
Sports Reporter

FLOYD OF ROSEDALE

As a lifelong Iowan, bacon is a staple of our culture. As a college football fan, there is nothing better than watching a football team running for a trophy after a rivalry win.

Combine these two passions together, and you get Floyd of Rosedale — the pig-shaped trophy awarded to the winner of the Iowa and Minnesota football game. Iowa is set to play Minnesota on Oct. 21. In my opinion, this is the best Iowa football rivalry and piece of hardware.

Its rich history is just one reason why the Floyd of Rosedale is the best Hawkeye rivalry.

During the 1934 edition, star Iowa halfback Ozzie Simmons was knocked around ruthlessly, which led to him being taken out of the game. Threats from both fanbases

intensified, and the game was in danger of not being played again. But in 1935, Minnesota Gov. Floyd B. Olson sent a message to Iowa Gov. Clyde L. Herring to try and revive the rivalry.

"I will bet you a Minnesota prize hog against an Iowa prize hog that Minnesota wins," Olson wrote.

"It's a bet," Herring replied. After the death of the live hog, a trophy was created in its place, creating a long-lasting tradition.

As two of the top five pork-producing states in the country, it's only fitting that a rivalry between Iowa and Minnesota would be separated by a pig: A 98-pound bronze beauty standing 15 inches tall.

It helps that Iowa and Minnesota both have rosters and fanbases filled with homegrown roots raised on many Midwestern favorites like bacon.

Iowa is seeking its ninth straight win in the series this season. University of Minnesota head coach P.J. Fleck has yet to beat the Hawkeyes, losing all six meetings. If you're an Iowa fan, this rivalry is easier to love considering the Gophers have beaten the Hawkeyes only five times in the 21st century.

Q&A | SOFIE STRIBOS

Field hockey forward talks favorite food, dream trips



#9 Sofie Stribos
Fifth year
Forward
Overall points: 7
Brussels, Belgium

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The Daily Iowan: What would be the first thing you do if you won the lottery?

Sofie Stribos: Maybe donate it back to field hockey actually. That is probably where I would give it to. Like women's sports or field hockey.

DI: What is your favorite social media app and why?

Stribos: I like Instagram, but I also use a lot of WhatsApp just to talk to family and all that. On Instagram, I like to see posts about people and what happens in their lives and stay connected to friends overseas.

DI: What would you do if you didn't play field hockey?

Stribos: I've always wanted to try lacrosse. I have never played and only seen it. It looks really interesting. It would probably be lacrosse or soccer. I want to keep a team dynamic.

DI: What was the best vacation you have been on and why?

Stribos: I went to Austria with my brother and my older sister three years ago. We just hiked in the mountains and over glaciers. We went from one little hut to the other and stayed there for two weeks. No Wi-Fi or anything. Just a few things in our backpacks.

DI: What are three

things you would bring on a deserted island?

Stribos: A book. Some food like pizza. And maybe just a person to be honest. I like having company.

DI: If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life what would it be?

Stribos: I think it would be sushi.

DI: What is your favorite sport to watch?

Stribos: I love watching tennis. I am a huge fan. I like to watch the U.S. Open.

DI: What was the best thing about your hometown growing up?

Stribos: I can just walk my dog everywhere around. I like going in

fields and the forest and all that.

DI: What is your favorite type of music?

Stribos: It is Noah Kahan and all that vibe. I don't know what that is. It's not really country but more like whatever is chill. Nothing hard pop or anything like that.

DI: What made you want to go to Iowa?

Stribos: My sister, Marike, played for Iowa. I came to Iowa City for her senior day, and then I knew that I wanted to play here.

DI: What are you studying?

Stribos: My major is civil engineering. I actually had an internship over the summer with Axiom Consultants.

Passion lies with coaching

The Iowa cross country and track and field program welcomes distance coach Shayla Houlihan.



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Iowa women's cross country team during the Hawkeye Invite at Ashton Cross-Country Course in Iowa City on Sept. 1.

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The Iowa cross country program has a new addition to its coaching roster this year in decorated distance coach Shayla Houlihan. Houlihan joined the team's staff on Aug. 8 as assistant coach with a focus on the distance athletes and assistant director of operations. Her love for cross country and track and field first developed years before as a high school, college, and professional runner.

After beginning her career on the East High School cross country team in Sioux City, Iowa, Houlihan spent four years running at the University of Northern Iowa. While pursuing her master degree, she returned for a fifth year at the University of Utah. During her time there, she set a new school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Then Houlihan went pro. In her professional career, she competed in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. But, it was around this time she felt the pull to return to her passion for coaching college athletes.

"The impact you can make on college-aged kids is incredible," Houlihan said. Her experience comes on every level, from high school to professional. She draws back on these experiences to teach her athletes the lessons she learned as a runner. "I wasn't a superstar in high school or college," Houlihan recalled. "I saw glimpses of greatness, but the biggest thing I learned is that if you stick with it, you will get better." That mindset has continued to guide Houlihan through her career as a coach.

While coaching for the University of California Santa Barbara, Houlihan earned 2021 Big West Cross Country Coach of the Year after becoming the first woman to win a conference championship. Now, Houlihan hopes to inspire the Iowa women to create their own paths and find their own success. Not only does she aim to make the women better athletes, but she wants to make them better people. Throughout the adjustment process, Houlihan has relied on the experience and expertise of Iowa cross country coach Randy Hasenbank, who has been the distance coach at Iowa for seven years. "She fits in just like I expected she would," Hasenbank said. "She's very professional and has a lot of experience." Iowa cross country coach Randy Hasenbank was excited to welcome Houlihan to the program and said he couldn't be happier with the adjustment. "She and coach Hasenbank have been such a great duo," fourth-year distance runner Amber Aesoph said. "I think she was just the missing piece in that way." Houlihan admires Hasenbank's coaching style and passion for the sport. "I simply like the way I can see how he makes his athletes feel," Houlihan noted. Houlihan has adopted a similar coaching style, which is individualized for each athlete and largely focused on mental strength. "My goal is to get them to be the best version of themselves," Houlihan said. Between Houlihan's coaching style and infectious energy, she is already making a huge impact on the team. The Hawkeye women, specifically Aesoph, have noticed the shift. "She brings an element of excitement to the sport," Aesoph said. "All the girls feel it." Houlihan is bringing all her coaching strong suits to the UI, from excitement to experience and heart. "Ultimately, my passion lies with coaching," Houlihan said. "It is what I was put on this planet to do."

TOSIC from 1B

As she advanced into Grayslake North High School in Grayslake, Illinois, Tonic started to break out and holds three school records to prove it. In addition, she was a four-time state qualifier and seven-time all-conference runner prior to her committing to Iowa. Now a Hawkeye, Tonic seeks to leave her own legacy for the Iowa women's cross country team. "I have so much respect and admiration for my mom, so I am really proud to be where she was," Tonic said. "But this is also about finding my own path." And Tonic has done just that over the last four years. During her second year, Tonic was Iowa's top finisher in its first three races of the season. As a junior, she led the Iowa women's team in the 3,000-meter race. Tonic was the third Iowa finisher at the 2022 Big Ten Championships and led the team in the 5,000-meter race at the 2023 Music City Challenge with a time of 16:57.07. "While I am proud of myself for getting to this level of running, I am also proud in a family way," Tonic added. Tonic never felt pressure from her mother to become a runner but is honored to have followed in her footsteps. Iowa was not originally in Tonic's plan, but she became instantly attracted to the school when she learned about the theatre arts

program. "My parents always encouraged me to do whatever I wanted to do," Tonic said. "It just naturally worked out that I found both running and Iowa." During her time as a Hawkeye, Tonic was named Academic All-Big Ten and Big Ten Distinguished Scholar, as well as to the UI's President's List student and Dean's List. Her mother could not be prouder. Spangler is excited to watch her daughter leave her own legacy as a Hawkeye. "When someone hears the name 'Kelli Tonic,' I hope they will remember she was determined and hardworking, but also that they just loved having her as a part of the team," Spangler said. Tonic fosters a similar mindset about what she will take away from Iowa cross country and track and field. "At the end of the day, as long as we are having fun running and having fun with each other, that is what is most valuable," Tonic said. Iowa distance coach Shayla Houlihan has seen Tonic's legacy form during the first month of her fourth year. Houlihan has been impressed by Tonic's attitude and athleticism, even as she recovers from an injury. "Through everything she's been going through, she is still the most positive person I have ever met," Houlihan said. In the end, Tonic is looking ahead to her senior season with a sense of pride. "Even though I am doing what my



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Iowa runner Kelli Tonic competes in the Hawkeye Invite meet at the Ashton Cross Country Course on Sept. 3, 2021.

mom did, this is still my own journey," Tonic said. But that journey isn't over. Both Tonic's family and coaches cannot wait to watch her race this year. They hope to watch her write her own name in Hawk-

eye history, right next to her mother's. "Obviously, she has great genetics, but honestly I think she has an even stronger mind," Houlihan said. "I don't think we can put any limits on her and what she can do."



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Iowa forward Elle Otto goes for the header during the Iowa Women's Soccer against their state rivals the Iowa State Cyclones. Hawkeyes take the win 2-1.

SOCCER from 1B

Their friendship came about after Di-Ianni talked to Roling hoping she could help find a place for Otto to live. Roling was in between places too, so she gave Otto a call and they ended up living together. Roling said from day one the two have been incredibly close and that they do almost everything together. "Elle and I always joke that we have

this telepathy," Roling said. "I always know where she's going to be. I don't know how. She doesn't know how either." Both Roling and Otto noted how great it is to have one another lift each other up when they're having a down game. Both players said they love playing with the other and they're excited to see what the rest of the season has in store. "I'm so grateful she transferred in," Roling said, "because I don't know what I do without her."

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RECLAIMING THE STATE

Iowa brought back the Cy-Hawk Trophy after taking down Iowa State on Sept. 9.



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Iowa defensive back Sebastian Castro runs to the end zone after completing an interception for a pick six during a Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9. Castro intercepted the ball for 30 yards and a touchdown. The pick six was the only defensive score of the game giving Iowa an edge.

Key takeaways:

200

wins for Kirk Ferentz

16

straight seasons with a pick six for Iowa

6

straight wins for Iowa in Ames



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Iowa running back Jaziun Patterson carries the ball during a Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9. Patterson rushed for 86 yards, leading the Hawkeyes.



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Iowa offensive linemen Nick DeJong and Rusty Feth carry the Cy-Hawk Trophy after a Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9. This is the second straight game the team has scored underneath 25 points. Brian Ferentz's new contract states that Iowa must average 25 points per game.



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An Iowa State fan reacts to a play during a Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9. There were 61,500 fans in attendance.

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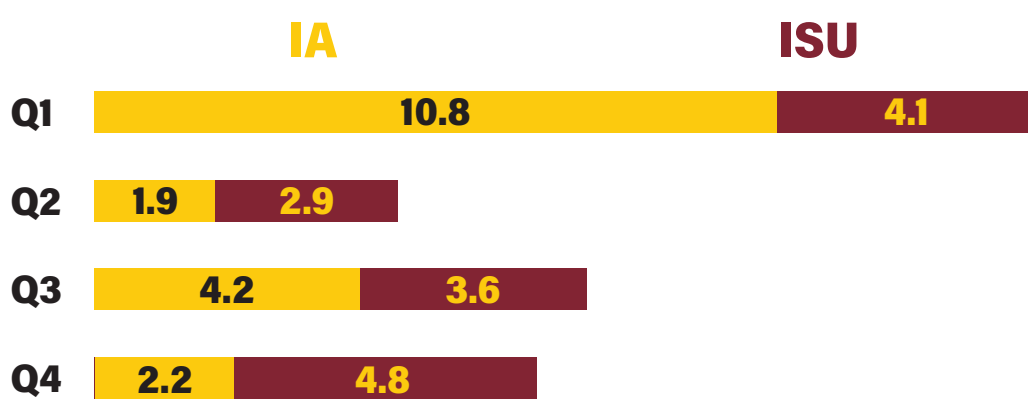
To view more photos from the Iowa at Iowa State game on Sept. 9, visit @thedailyiowan on Instagram or dailyiowan.com.



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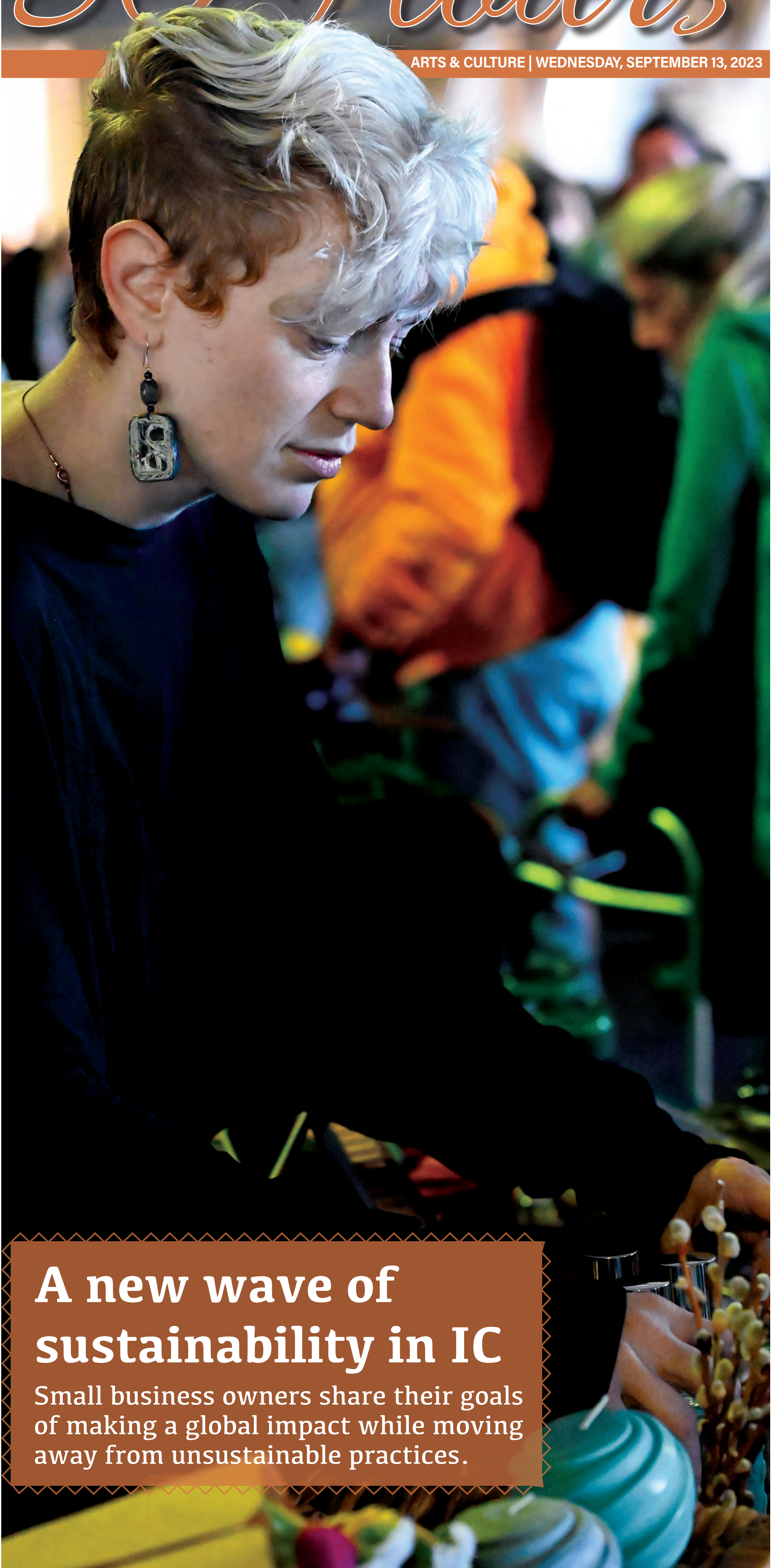


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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14

- MONTANA OF 300

American rapper Montana 300, best known for "Busta Rhymes," will be performing at Gabe's, presented by Reid Stanton Promotions & Put the City On.

6 P.M. | GABE'S
330 E. WASHINGTON ST.

- NORTHSIDE OUTSIDE IC: THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

Lewis Knudsen will perform for Thursday night's live music event this week.

6 P.M. | NORTHSIDE OUTSIDE
CORNER OF MARKET STREET & LINN STREET

- DOROTHY DRAWING STUDIO

Artists are invited to bring their supplies to the Artfactory for a drawing studio in memory of Phil Dorothy.

6:30 P.M. | ARTIFACTORY
120 N. DUBUQUE ST.

- GARRETT SPEER

Nashville's Garrett Speer and his band will perform a three-night stand at Elray's Live and Dive.

10 P.M. | ELRAY'S LIVE & DIVE
211 IOWA AVE.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

- IWP INTERNATIONAL AUTHORS PANEL

Meet and converse with authors from all over the world with this event, sponsored by the UI International Writing Program and the Iowa City Public Library.

12 P.M. | IOWA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
123 S. LINN ST.

- THE YEAR OF THE SELDOM SUN

Will Kemble-Taylor will introduce a multi-sensory experience that provides a physical space to listen to his home-recorded concept album, "The Year of the Seldom Sun," which is influenced by his journey from the mountains of Northern New Mexico to Iowa.

4 P.M. | PUBLIC SPACE ONE
229 N. GILBERT ST.

- 50 YEARS OF HIP HOP

Local rapper and Uniphonics front man, MC Animosity, will host a celebration of DJ'ing, breakdancing, rapping, beatboxing, and graffiti.

7:30 P.M. | ENGLERT THEATRE
221 E. WASHINGTON ST.

- HALFLOVES WITH WAVE CAGE & AHZIA

The five-piece indie rock ensemble from Eastern Iowa will be playing at Gabe's.

8 P.M. | GABE'S
330 E. WASHINGTON ST.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

- IOWA CITY FARMER'S MARKET

Shop fresh foods and local goods from over a hundred vendors at the weekly Iowa City Farmer's Market.

7:30 A.M.
405 E. WASHINGTON ST.

- DAVID CYR MUSIC

Indie musician and singer-songwriter will be singing and playing the cello and guitar on the Ped Mall.

2 P.M. | WEATHERDANCE FOUNTAIN STAGE,
DOWNTOWN PED MALL
210 S. DUBUQUE ST.

- HARVEST OF RIFFS

The Harvest of Riffs will feature performances by Polyachi, Phantom Threats, Frontal Assault, Ill Omen, Joint Pain and Necrotic Theurgist.

5 P.M. | GABE'S
330 E. WASHINGTON ST.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

- NORTHSIDE SUNDAY MARKET

Visit the September pop-up market for food, drinks, and local arts and crafts.

10 A.M. | NORTHSIDE OUTSIDE
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Behind FilmScene in the Park

Since 2021, the FilmScene staff has worked together to host the screenings.

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On warm nights between the months of May and October, people of all ages may find themselves at the Chauncey Swan Park, where Iowa City's FilmScene hosts screenings of blockbuster and indie films. The free outdoor event, known as 'FilmScene in the Park,' begins at sunset on several weekends throughout summer.

FilmScene in the Park has always been a part of the vision for FilmScene, according to executive director and co-founder Andrew Sherburne.

"It's one of the most robust outdoor cinemas in America, and it took a lot of fundraising and so many people to come into existence," Sherburne said.

FilmScene in the Park was created after the indoor theater temporarily shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic. While outdoor cinema had been a part of the theater's original plan, the pandemic offered the opportunity for FilmScene to launch the series.

"It's a wonderful way to welcome a diverse and joyful crowd to share a moviegoing experience under the stars," Sherburne said.

Since its debut in 2021, the series has had a community impact with around 300 people at each showing, Sherburne said.

"The series is now sponsored by Dr. Suzanne Stock, Orthodontist, and supported by FilmScene's over 2,000 member households," Sherburne said. "Together, this keeps the

series free for everyone."

Aside from sponsorships and funding, the event requires planning as well. Between setting up outside, monitoring the crowd, projecting the movie, and tearing down equipment at the end of the night, a large staff is required to work the event.

In the hours leading up to the event, projectionists work outside setting up speakers, the portable projector, and other key pieces of equipment, shared events coordinator at FilmScene, Angie Mabeus. Projectionists make sure the movie plays, and they are responsible for putting everything away at the end of the night.

"We have a staff position for our FilmScene in the Park events that we have lovingly named our 'park ranger.' That staff member is tasked with assisting the projection team with all of their setup and tear down, as well as managing the outdoor concessions for the night," Mabeus said.

Mabeus shared that hosting responsibilities usually either fall on her, Sherburne, or the programming director of the FilmScene, Ben Delgado. Among those responsibilities are giving opening announcements and thanking sponsors.

"And of course, our front-

of-house team makes sure the popcorn keeps popping for our hungry guests and all is running smoothly inside as well," Mabeus said.

The outdoor theater at the Chauncey is not just used for the FilmScene in the Park series. FilmScene has worked with the University of Iowa to organize other outdoor park events. During On Iowa! there was an annual park screening organized with the Bijou Film Board, Bijou Executive Director Kat Trout-Baron said.

"We encourage all first-year and returning students to come to the event and

find a cinematic community in Iowa City," Trout-Baron said.

FilmScene and Bijou have also partnered with Undergraduate Student Government and Late Night to present the "Top Gun" series in the park theater.

"The park series is a great opportunity to get as many people as possible, specifically large groups of students, and allow them to have a place to relax, connect, and enjoy art," Trout-Baron said.

The next FilmScene in the Park feature will be a showing of "A Hard Day's Night" at 7:20 p.m. on Sept. 16.



REVIEW

'Guts' conquers youth and growing pains

Olivia Rodrigo's anticipated album released Sept. 8.

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Whether it's exploring genres of pop-rock or diving deep into what it means to be a woman growing up, Olivia Rodrigo's second album, "Guts," is a masterful and intimate look at girlhood.

The album, released at midnight on Sept. 8, features 12 unique songs that are as raw as they are fun.

Olivia Rodrigo's first album "Sour" was an instant hit after its release in 2021, and fans have eagerly awaited her next collection ever since.

The first track on the album, "all-american bitch," is a distinct song that prepares the listener for the next 11 songs. It is self-reflective and fast-paced, and it foreshadows later themes like growing up and beauty standards.

The two singles released before the rest of the album, "bad idea right?" and "vampire," complement the song in contrasting ways. The songs, "bad idea right?" recalls the best moments of a relationship, and "vampire" dives into the pain of learning that someone is not who you thought they were.

Following "vampire," the fourth song on the album

is "lacy." Lyrically similar to Dolly Parton's "Jolene" or Little Big Town's "Girl Crush," this song takes a personal perspective.

Rodrigo truly mastered the pop-rock sound in "ballad of a homeschooled girl." While I don't think this track shows off her full capabilities as a musical artist, it makes for an interesting listen and helps to further the theme of girlhood and growing pains she captures with her music.

The next two songs, "making the bed" and "logical," are complex songs exemplifying Rodrigo's versatility. They contain themes of sadness and an identity crisis through quiet, slower melodies.

In particular, "making the bed" discusses Rodrigo's personal struggles with fame, which proves her capabilities as an artist, especially one within the breakup song niche.

Rodrigo returns to an upbeat sound with "get him back!" and "love is embarrassing." Both songs are creative, slightly romantic, and have interesting lyrics that describe complex themes. The lyrics in "get him back!" are especially creative with the repetition of the phrases that imply she both wants him back in her life and wants revenge on a love interest for hurting her.

Tracks "the grudge" and "pretty isn't pretty" are melodic and reflective, a stark change from the previous headbangers. While "the grudge" examines the suffering of wondering how someone could have done something so hurtful, "pretty isn't pretty" struck me with its reexamination of harmful beauty standards.

The final song of the album, "teenage dream," concludes the album on an introspective note. Rodrigo explores growing up, saying goodbye to being a teenager — something relatable for my 19-year-old self — and fearing the future. She cleverly wraps up the album and nods to the lyrics "where's my f***ing teenage dream?" from "brutal."

Aside from the music itself, I think the order of the album is an intentional examination of being a teenager.

The album switches from a couple of more upbeat pop and rock songs to slower, sadder songs, and then it bounces back to the fun, lighter songs. Being a teenager means experiencing a lot of emotions all at once and in rapid succession, and Rodrigo perfectly summarizes it for her listeners.



"Gen V"

Genre: Superhero fiction
Number of episodes: 8

Starring:
Jaz Sinclair,
Chance Perdomo,
Lizze Broadway,
Patrick Schwarzenegger,
Maddie Phillips,
Derek Luh,
London Thor,
Asa Germann,
and Colby Minifie

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"The Boys" meets Disney Channel's "Sky High" but with college kids is the premise of Amazon Prime Video's newest superhero series, "Gen V." The series will premiere its first three episodes on Friday, Sept. 29, with new episodes each following Friday.

As a direct spinoff of the wildly popular show "The Boys," the series centers around the fictional Godolkin University of Crimefighting, and the students in it.

First-year Marie Moreau, played by "Paper Towns" star Jaz Sinclair, who, like Erin Moriarty's character in "The Boys," has dreams of becoming one of the Seven. Sinclair's co-star, actor Chance Perdomo, plays Andre Anderson, one of the popular kids and Marie's classmate.

This series premiere picks up right where "The Boys" left off. The cast of college-aged super-students are among the first to know of Compound Z, the concoction responsible for creating superheroes.

In addition to Sinclair and Perdomo, notable actors in the series' cast list include Patrick Schwarzenegger, son of actor and former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, and "American Pie Presents: Girls' Rule" star Lizze Broadway.

CARTOON



A new wave of sustainability in IC

Retailers share their goals of making a global impact while straying from fast fashion.

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When Bonnie Streinz established her Facebook business in 2020, she sought a way to share her passion for sewing. What she accomplished is worth much more to the planet.

Her business EmaJo Designs' products are made with pieces of scrap fabric including old shirts and denim. Streinz also makes wallets with cork, a durable, water-resistant, biodegradable substance. Through upcycling and a careful selection of materials, Streinz has prevented unnecessary waste from entering the environment.

According to a 2022 Iowa Department of Natural Resources study, textiles and leather are the third leading component of residential waste in Iowa City behind food waste and plastic film. Business owners like Streinz are now seeking resourceful ways to reduce this waste.

From farmers market vendors to fashion boutiques, downtown Iowa City business owners are keen on working to reduce carbon footprints, source locally for their products, and increase the longevity of their products. Sustainability is spreading.

Streinz's small business is best known for its shirt aprons, which are sleeveless kitchen aprons made out of reused button-downs.

She uses a process called upcycling, or the creation of a product with a higher value than the original, with materials that would otherwise be discarded. She has sold several aprons on Facebook and mans a booth at the Iowa City Farmers' Market every Saturday morning.

Though clothes are not the only products that can be made and sold more eco-efficiently, the fashion industry is one of the biggest waste contributors worldwide.

Most of this waste is a result of "fast" fashion, which refers to the mass production of garments popularized by fads that trend just as quickly as they fade.

Fast fashion pieces, like those from popular brands Shein, Temu, and Target, are not meant to last. Not only are they bad for the environment, but the production of fast fashion also employs underpaid and unpaid laborers working in poor conditions.

Ritu Jain, owner of Textiles on Dubuque Street, personally chooses each fabric and garment to sell in her shop. She said she has been promoting sustainable fashion since the day she opened 32 years ago and has had loyal customers for over 20 years.

"I started as a fabric store, so I feel like my buying is a little different than typical stores. I know how things are made and constructed and the quality of fabrics, and I do look at all of that," Jain said.

Jain provides premium quality clothing for her customers, but that doesn't mean all Iowa City shoppers can always afford luxury closet basics. For some people, fast fashion is the only way to financially attain clothing at all.

With second-hand fashion, some small businesses find luxury brands at thrift stores and estate sales and re-sell the garments at regular retail prices or higher to obtain a profit.

The Shop Iowa City on Dubuque Street obtains its second-hand pieces from estate sales, other thrift shops, online, and from local artists. The store provides the footwork of finding unique pieces for consumers. Manager of The Shop Jacy Fitzpatrick said the store's goal is to keep thrifting alive by providing second-hand items at low prices.

"We are passionate about not being an exclusive shop. You're going to come in and be able to get earrings in here for \$6 up to \$15 at the most. It's not a boutique you walk into and you need to spend \$35 on a pair of earrings or something," Fitzpatrick said. "We try to keep the prices down."

Meanwhile, home goods and cleaning products are the main focus for other busi-

nesses and farmers' market vendors, like the Witch + Hazel Apothecaré, which is based in Fairfield, Iowa.

Founded last year by owner Rogue Sypersma, the Witch + Hazel Apothecaré specializes in eco-friendly home goods. Its candles are homemade from soy wax and packaged in recycled glass. Soy wax burns much more slowly than typical paraffin wax, and when the candle eventually burns out, customers will return it to the shop so it can be reused.

"I just want to keep creating what I call bath, body, and ritual oddities for people that also want to contribute to eco-friendly practices and sustainability," Sypersma said.

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Manager of The Shop

The business sources its recycled glass from the brand Makesy. Though there is a steep increase in cost for the glass, the benefit to the environment is worth it, Sypersma said.

For businesses that may not be able to readily afford materials like recycled glass, one of the simplest ways to practice sustainability is by reducing quantity.

Farmers market vendor Rare Bird Soap Shop sells a variety of skincare products like soaps, lotions, and shampoos. Every product is homemade with solar-powered equipment.



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The General Manager of Revival Maggy Moran organizes a clothing rack at Revival in Iowa City on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. Revival is a curated clothing store with a focus on resale and vintage items.

"It is all made from scratch but in smaller batches, which then ensures a better-quality product," Wende Fugate, owner of Rare Bird Soap Shop, said. "I utilize everything."

Though every business that practices sustainability is unique, they are all part of a much larger, supportive community that helps everyone learn about protecting the environment together.

DeAnn Johnson, farmers' market vendor and owner of Re-farming Microgreens, has started to share her discoveries about sustainable farming with other farms in her area.

While farms nowadays tend to harvest based on the volume and size of crops, Johnson believes their focus should be on harvesting crops at the right time for quality of nutrients and flavor rather than quantity.

"I was disabled in a wheelchair for quite a while and finally decided that I didn't want to stay that way, so I started doing research on nutrition, and microgreens were one of the easiest ways to get the nutrition I wanted in smaller quantities," Johnson said.

Sustainability in Iowa City has also created a community among larger retailers. When a new business with an environmentally friendly mission launches in the area, fellow businesses are happy to lend a helping hand.

Revival, a retailer located in the Pedestrian Mall that is nearly 75 percent resale, works closely with similar retailers like Velvet Coat and White Rabbit to ensure that customers are exposed to a variety of clothing options, Moran said.

"We all work together and we're all in constant communication to make sure that everybody can find a place and find a product that suits them and their customers," Moran said.

Streinz said the number of sustainable businesses in Iowa City keeps her interested in the community.

"The farmers' market in Iowa City is such a strong community and so diverse. It's just wonderful to be around these makers and farmers. Buy local," Streinz said.



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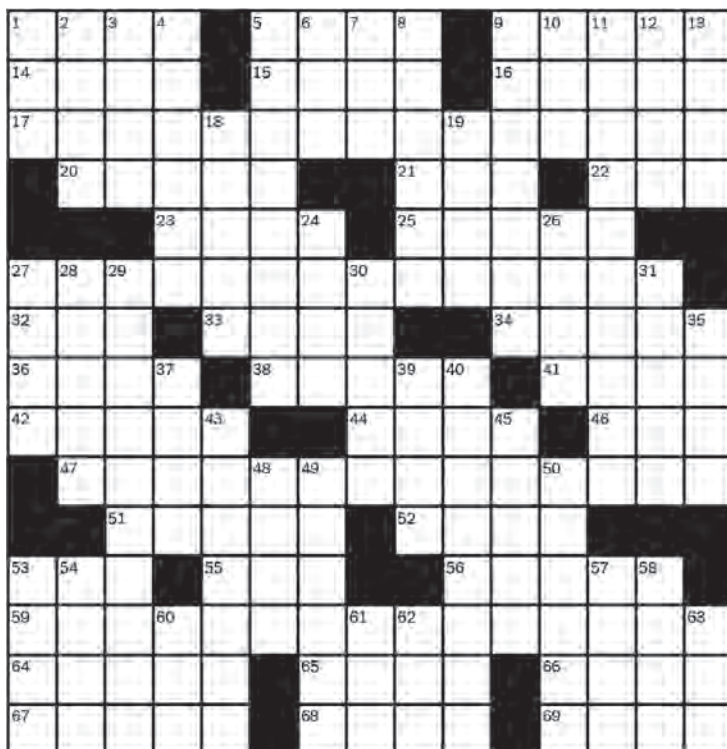
Rogue Sypersma's candles are seen during a farmers market in Iowa City on Sept. 9.

THE BREAK

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Across

- 1 Woodworker's file
- 5 Landlocked African country
- 9 Divulged
- 14 Barn bundle
- 15 Lofty beginning?
- 16 Eco-friendly party announcement
- 17 What's found under Casper's Christmas tree?
- 20 "Outlander" network
- 21 "Evil Woman" rock group, for short
- 22 Brillo competitor
- 23 Boardroom V.I.P.s
- 25 Alternative to a glossy finish
- 27 Rule that forbids singing hymns to the devil?
- 32 Filmmaker Lily Amirpour
- 33 Nursing site
- 34 Baseball's "Big Papi"
- 36 Access to the company jet, for example
- 38 Feature of a satchel
- 41 N.Y.C. cultural institution that opened nine days after the 1929 stock

- market crash
- 42 Wedding dress fabric
- 44 "Indeed!"
- 46 Costume department staple
- 47 Doctor's concern when a rival clinic opens up next door?
- 51 The "O" in EGOT
- 52 "Oh, fudge!"
- 53 Did a 5K or 10K
- 55 Teamwork inhibitor
- 56 Billiards ricochet
- 59 Evidence at the robbery crime scene?
- 64 Of little consequence
- 65 Island near the Big Island
- 66 Domesticated
- 67 Caving to gravity
- 68 Dance Dance Revolution move
- 69 Did in, as a dragon

Down

- 3 Place for a key card
- 4 Passover, in Hebrew
- 5 Some pizzeria offerings
- 6 "Watch it, man!"
- 7 Dada artist Jean
- 8 Classic show tune with the lyric "When you know the notes to sing, you can sing most anything"
- 9 Landlocked African country
- 10 June 18th vis-à-vis Juneteenth
- 11 Part of La La Land
- 12 N.B.A. forward Porter Jr.
- 13 Largest Scottish loch by volume
- 18 Option on Halloween
- 19 Distinctive flair
- 24 Bit of fantasy sports fodder
- 26 Word with paper or insurance
- 27 Catches some Z's
- 28 Famed backboard-breaking dunker of the 1990s
- 29 Activity for Bill Watterson
- 30 29-Down output
- 31 One per customer, e.g.
- 35 Sudden turns
- 37 Bit of conical-shaped candy
- 39 Slightly
- 40 Crunchy baked snack
- 43 "It's gonna take a lot more than that to fool me!"
- 45 High point of Exodus?
- 48 Pesters no end
- 49 A modern wedding might have two of them
- 50 Large, white waders
- 53 Turntable speeds, for short
- 54 Piece for one voice
- 57 Roller rink shape
- 58 Internet
- 60 Quaff for a caroler, maybe
- 61 What "Gras" means in "Mardi Gras"
- 62 What "Mardi" means in "Mardi Gras": Abbr.
- 63 Work with thread

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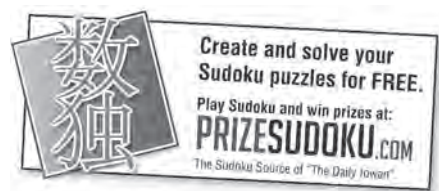
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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON 3B

Death finds space to grow at The Green House

The Iowa City bar hosts “Death Cafes” every last Tuesday of the month where people talk about morality.

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The Green House owner Emily Salmonson tearfully raised a glass.

“To Grandma Glennys,” she said. Her drink in hand was the “G.G.” — a cocktail containing Empress Gin and lavender bitters — named after her grandmother who passed three months before the bar’s opening.

“I know she wanted to be here to see this,” Salmonson said, her gaze sweeping across the interior of her bar filled with lush greenery and tables of joyful patrons.

Seven months after its opening, The Green House started hosting a “Death Cafe” on the last Tuesday of every month. The event brings together people of all ages and backgrounds to explore perceptions, curiosities, and fears around death.

The Death Cafe is a nonprofit social franchise founded in 2011 by the late Jon Underwood, who passionately advocated for the care of the dead and dying, and his mother Sue Barksy Reid, a psychotherapist. The scheduled get-togethers were brought from the U.K. to the U.S. by Lizzie Miles in 2012. Miles was passionate about hospice and end-of-life care, has mentored dozens of hosts, and is responsible for helping develop the Death Cafe.

According to its website, the organization’s mission is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their lives.

Death Cafes have been hosted in Iowa City as early as 2015 and are still hosted by the Senior Center, but the environment of The Green House sets a different tone to the conversation around death.

Facilitator Joyce Janca-Aji introduced the idea to The Green House owner because she saw the bar as the perfect space to ease nerves with its unique drinks and communal energy.

The event is facilitated by a handful of local volunteers. One volunteer, Kate Karacay, said she wanted to explore and share knowledge about the “very sacred and massive transition from a living body into a living realm.”

Cafe-goers, like Michele Lewis, shared the desire to explore the topic of death, even if it might be a taboo subject.

“The reality is, there often isn’t a good time to talk about it,” Lewis said. “It’s exciting for me to see that people were getting together and continuing the conversation around death so that it’s not just a touchy topic.”

The varied age demographic of attendees showed that this conversation is relevant across generations.

This outlook on death seems to be shared by younger generations. University



Mary McCall and Carol MacVey hold a conversation during the Death Cafe meeting at The Green House in Iowa City on Aug. 29. Carly Schrum | The Daily Iowan

of Iowa student John Paul Cacioppo, who considers himself a member of Generation Z, noticed that young people today view death as “kind of like a joke” rather than a serious conversation.

However, those in older generations can also feel less than comfortable talking about death. Karacay explained that her grandmother, when asked about her funeral wishes, responded, “I’m not dead yet, so don’t talk about it.”

The lack of clarity has caused turmoil among Karacay’s family members, who have differing opinions on how to lay her to rest.

Other attendees shared ideas for their own funerals.

“We’re going to have a big party,” participant Mary Cook said. “Cheapest cremation you’ve got. I’d like [My family] to spend my money on a last family vacation where you’re all together.”

The Death Cafe creates a safe space for any kinds of conversations.

The Green House’s monthly Death Cafe allows participants to discuss their ideas in a space that provides food, drink, and good company, exploring a celebration of life’s finitude and death’s inevitability.



A Death Cafe meeting is held inside The Green House in Iowa City on Aug. 29. Carly Schrum | The Daily Iowan



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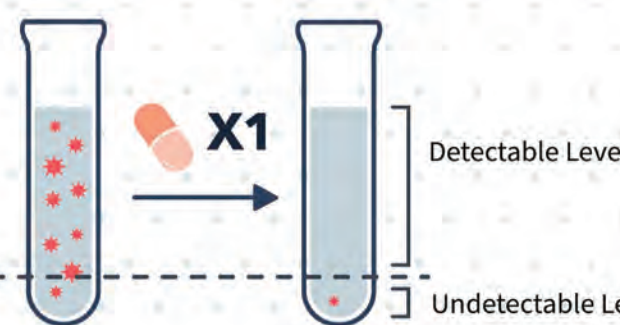




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