



**BLACK JOY
NEEDS NO
PERMISSION**

“A beacon” in Iowa City

Two murals, part of the ‘Oracles of Iowa City’ project designed by Antoine Williams and Donté Hayes, are now complete.

Arabia Parkey
News Reporter

Overlooking East Burlington Street, a pair of striking murals portray the bold statements, “Black Joy Needs No Permission” and “Weaponize Your Privilege To Save Black Bodies.” These murals, part of a project entitled “The Oracles of Iowa City,” were completed Aug. 25.

Co-designed by artists Antoine Williams and Donté Hayes, in collaboration with Public Space One and the Center for Afrofuturist Studies, the theme of the Or-

acles stems from a concept by civil-rights activist and scholar W.E.B. Du Bois called double consciousness — an internal conflict thought to be experienced by Black people in an oppressive society.

“It is a peculiar sensation, this double-consciousness,” Du Bois wrote in his book, *The Souls of Black Folk*. “This sense of always looking at one’s self through the eyes of others, of measuring one’s soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity.”

With this concept in mind, Williams and Hayes designed the Oracles to speak

from two perspectives as a Black person in Iowa City.

“We saw that as a great idea to begin this design to speak about the double consciousness from two points of views as a Black person, especially living in Iowa or Iowa City,” Hayes said. “So that’s why on one Oracle, it says, ‘Black Joy Needs No Permission.’ So, it’s like speaking to the Black people in Iowa City: when you walk in those streets, you’re not alone — that you can be proud of yourself.”

Williams said the murals were also cre-

ated in response to last year’s Black Lives Matter protests, to encourage the continuation of conversations about racism that were being had at the time.

Lead painter of the Oracles Jill Wells said the murals have garnered a variety of public reactions, both positive and negative, especially the one stating, “Weaponize Your Privilege To Save Black Bodies.” Some people even voiced their opinions to her while she was painting.

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Herky the Hawk is ‘Back in Black’

Herky is back after a year of virtual recruiting and training because of COVID-19.

Marandah Mangra-Dutcher
News Reporter

Herky the Hawk, the University of Iowa’s mascot, had some challenges to overcome as this year’s football season began.

Herky and his security team spent the time away from in-person events in 2020 and 2021 increasing his social media presence, Herky Mascot Coach Alex Kern said.

Because there were no in-person events last year, Herky and his team were in

a unique position at the first home game this year, Kern said.

“We got to this football season and no one on the Herky Security [team] had been to a Hawkeye football game before,” Kern said.

Training to be a part of the Herky Security team, the name for the group of students who don the Herky costume, on a home game day can only teach them so much, as being on field can be chaotic, Kern said.

“I prepared them as best I could, but you can only be

so ready for the chaos that is a football game,” Kern said. “I can try and tell them exactly what we need to do, but of course, once you get to that situation, something is going to be a little different.”

Other spirit squad members, such as the cheer and dance teams, had a similar problem, said University of Iowa’s Spirit Coordinator Gregg Niemiec.

“We went into last Saturday’s game with none of them having ever been in Kinnick in front of live peo-

ple,” Niemiec said.

Students must try out for the Herky Security team, usually around spring break. Tryouts have taken place virtually for the last two years because of the pandemic, Kern said.

“During COVID we had to switch over and do informational meetings, do tryouts, do everything all over Zoom,” Kern said. “That was a new challenge, just trying to do tryouts with these people that we want to test their creativity and stuff over Zoom.”

The program also added a new mascot coach in the last few years, Kern said.

The new members of Herky’s Security team typically learn from older members. Because many members have graduated since the last normal season, Kern said, there was a lack of knowledge of the program.

“The team ran pretty well with the seniors on the team — people that had three or four years of knowledge able to teach the younger

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Josh Shaw grills in Iowa City before a football game between No. 5 Iowa and Kent State on Saturday.

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people on the team,” Kern said. “Just losing that institutional knowledge of what to do in any situation, it was a big challenge to get over.” The main thing the team looks for during tryouts is

creative thinking, Niemiec said.

A common exercise used to measure the creativity of those trying out is by having a student mime with an object in their room like a water bottle or brooms, Kern said.

“You’d be amazed what

a broom could turn into,” Niemiec said.

There is a physical demand that comes with being Herky as well, Kern said. “Keeping up with Herky is tough — he is a very active bird,” Kern said. “He’s always got something to do.”

Herky the Hawk has been

around since 1928, according to the university’s website. During that time, the mascot has seen a lot of changes, one being the program he is housed under.

Years ago, Herky was housed at the UI fraternity Delta Tau Delta, said John Lohman, a member of the Herky program in 1993.

When Lohman worked as Herky, he said fans always wanted to interact with him. “Everyone wants to meet you and shake your hand,” he said.

After the fraternity was removed from campus for flagrant drug and alcohol violations, Niemiec said Herky moved under athletics.

Herky attends events like birthday parties, sporting events, weddings, and even funerals, Kern said.

During the pandemic, because Herky could not attend any of these events during the 2020-21 school year, Kern said fans who saw him around campus were excited.

“The students that come through, they bleed black

and gold and they’re excited to be Hawkeyes,” Niemiec said. “We are excited to lead them.”

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Herky gets the crowd excited before a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.

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I think was such an emotionally charged reaction, one way or the other, like people would drive by and they’d hang out their windows and they’d be like ‘I love it,’ or they would be like ‘You’re racist,’ and they would yell that out,” Wells said.

With the state’s ban on teaching divisive concepts

in Iowa schools — touted by Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds as a ban on critical race theory — Sikowis Nobiss, execu-

tive director of Great Plains Action Society and Ad Hoc Truth and Reconciliation Commission board mem-

“It’s like a call out, a beacon, to speak to those who are Black in that space, and it’s also speaking to those who aren’t Black — to see what you are going to do outside of this mural. This mural is just one thing. This is not the end all be all.”

— Mural artist Donté Hayes

ber, said the significance of the Oracles’ bold statements is amplified.

“I think it’s important because history is very whitewashed, and a lot of people with privilege and power are very coddled,” Nobiss said. “And right now, statements like this are even more important because of the ban on Critical Race Theory in Iowa.”

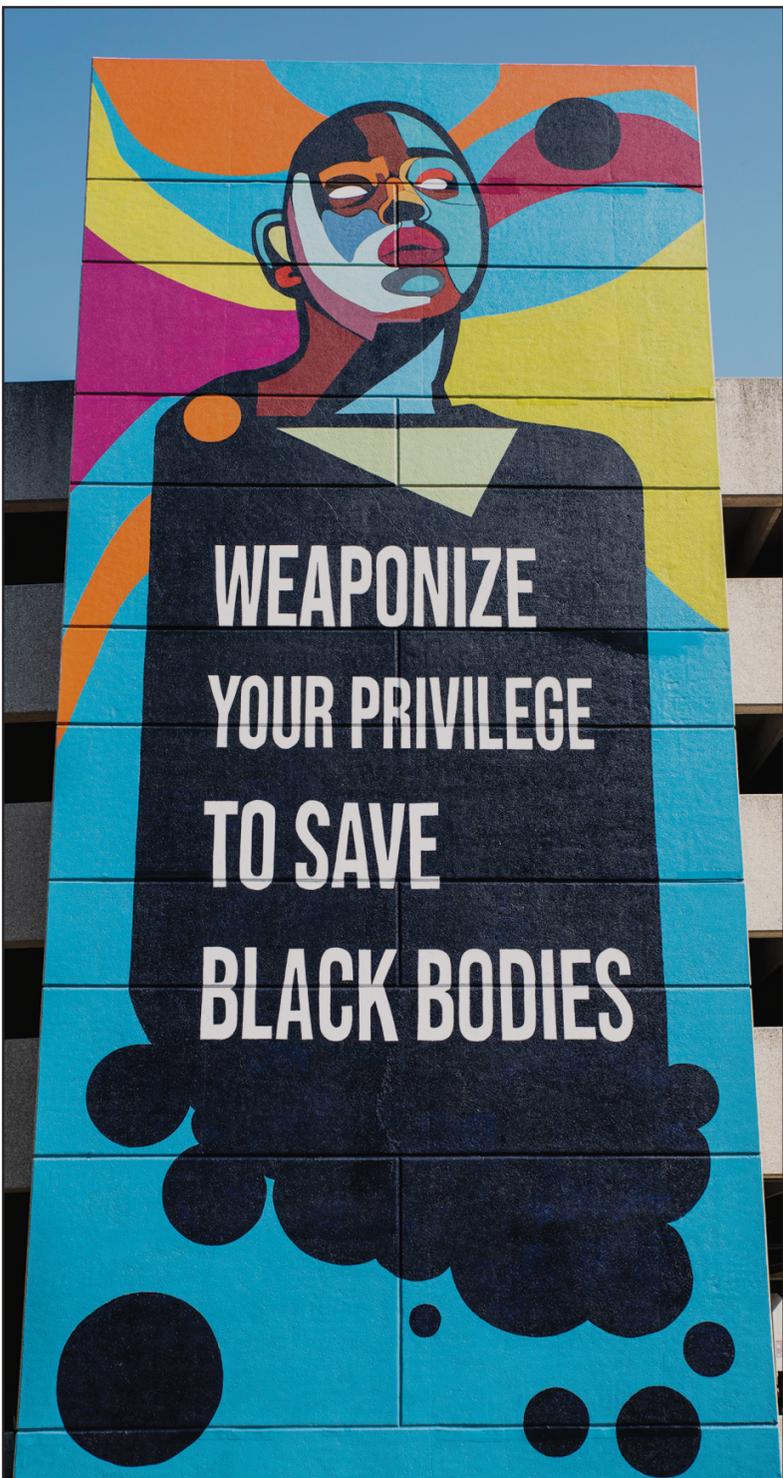
Hayes said the murals not only speak to the existence and lives of Black people in Iowa City, but encourage action outside of the artwork.

“It’s like a call out, a beacon, to speak to those who are Black in that space, and it’s also speaking to those who aren’t Black — to see what you are going to do outside of this mural,” Hayes said. “This mural is just one thing. This is not the end all be all.”

The co-designers emphasized that the murals are not simply a “one-time thing.”

Hayes said the Oracles project has a fellowship, with Wells mentoring multiple younger Black artists.

Through this mentorship, the artists are shown the ropes of creating public art, Hayes said, potentially allowing a new generation of Black artists to create murals across the state and in spaces where Black artists are not generally represented.



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Front: A mural displaying the phrase “Black joy needs no permission” is seen on Burlington Street on Aug. 30. Above: A mural displaying the phrase “Weaponize your privilege to save Black bodies” is seen on Burlington Street on Aug. 30.

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Pro-choice advocates on defense

Following Texas' near total abortion ban, advocates for abortion access worry that Iowa Republicans will push for more restrictions, while pro-life groups say the Legislature is headed in the right direction.



Pro-choice advocates protest outside the Emma Goldman Clinic on Sept. 9.

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Pro-choice activists in Iowa are concerned that Iowa's Legislature will introduce more restrictive bills that will block access to abortion in the state after a near total ban on abortion in Texas was allowed to stand by the Supreme Court this month.

Francine Thompson, executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, said she has seen access to abortion decrease over her time with the clinic, while demand for the service has not.

Thompson said she is worried about the direction that abortion rights are moving in the Iowa Legislature. A proposed constitutional amendment that clarifies there is no right to an abortion in Iowa's constitution has the potential to further restrict access, she said.

"I'm definitely concerned, there are a number of things that are on the horizon that could certainly impact a person's ability to make the decision of whether or not to continue a pregnancy," she said.

The Iowa House and Senate passed the amendment in May, which would nullify a 2018 Iowa Supreme Court decision that found the Iowa constitution protects the right to an abortion. This amendment now must pass in the Legislature by the end of the 2024 session and be approved by Iowa voters for adoption.

Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, said he does not foresee any new abortion related legislation for the upcoming 2022 legislative session. He said that he expects his party will focus on passing the amendment again.

"We voted for that [the amendment] and I am confident it will pass again," Kaufmann said. It is now time for Iowans to decide what they want because it will be on the ballot in 2024."

Limiting abortion access

Republicans in charge of state government in Texas passed a Heartbeat Act in May, which went into effect Sept. 1. The ban criminalizes abortions that are done once a heartbeat in the fetus is present. The law also prevents civilians from aiding and abetting someone who is getting an abortion.

Iowa lawmakers have passed similar laws in recent years, curtailing abortions access. Chuck Hurley, vice president and chief counsel for The FAMiLY Leader, said he feels Iowans want the pro-life policies Republicans have been advancing.

"The Iowa Legislature has been advancing a culture of life in recent years, one that

cares for both mother and child, but in 2018 the unelected judges of Iowa's Supreme Court handed down an extremist decision that could force taxpayer funded abortion on all Iowans, and even permit abortion in Iowa up to the day of a baby's birth," Hurley said.

The topic of abortion, Hurley said, is so contested because of sonograms and people being able to see the fetus. He said having a picture of the fetus makes it easier to humanize it. Hurley compared the termination of pregnancies to human-rights abuses like the enslavement and oppression of Black people in America.

"It's obviously the human-rights issue of our time," Hurley said. "You don't have to go to a religious text. You just have to see an ultrasound."

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a "fetal heartbeat" law in May 2018, that required a physician to do an abdominal ultrasound to test for a fetal heartbeat on anyone seeking an abortion. The abortion could not be performed if a heartbeat was detected.

Typically, heartbeats, or the sounds that come off as heartbeats, are detectable by the sixth week of gestation of the fourth week after conception.

The Iowa law was different than the Texas one, because Texas' bill can be enforced and pursued by civilians who are aware of abortion procedures going on.

A Polk County District Court judge ruled the Iowa law unconstitutional by the following January — 46 years after the ruling of *Roe v. Wade*.

This month, 60 Iowa Republican legislators — in-

cluding House and Senate leadership — signed a brief filed by conservative groups Alliance Defending Freedom and The FAMiLY Leader asking the court to overturn the 2018 decision.

Two decades after *Roe*, *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* was a follow up ruling that was decided on June 29, 1992, upheld the decision, but allowed states to restrict abortion if it does not create a burden on the person seeking it.

Gov. Reynolds signed a bill amendment into law on June 29, 2020, exactly 28 years after the ruling of *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*. The Iowa law stated a physician performing an abortion must obtain written certification from the person seeking an abortion at least 24 hours prior to the procedure — but the law was blocked by a judge in June of this year, citing the 2018 ruling and a rule preventing lawmakers from attaching unrelated amendments to bills.

When Iowa's fetal heartbeat bill was debated in 2018, floor manager Rep. Shannon Lundgren, R-Dubuque, said on the House floor that the bill, Senate File 359, was finally introduced because science and technology has improved significantly since the ruling of *Roe v. Wade*.

Lundgren said physicians must draw the line for acceptance of life — a heartbeat.

"Today we are taking a courageous step, with the help of so many here in the House, to tell the nation that Iowa will defend its most vulnerable: those without a voice, our unborn children," Lundgren said.

During the Family Leadership Summit in Des Moines, on July 16, Reynolds took the

stage in support of limiting abortion access.

Reynolds said that most Iowans see abortion as the "termination of a precious life" and that they do not want tax dollars to go towards clinics that perform them.

While Reynolds said that Iowans want more abortion restrictions, a *Des Moines Register*/Mediacom Iowa Poll from March found that less than a third of respondents supported the proposed constitutional amendment that would specify that there is no right to an abortion in Iowa's constitution. Support for the measure was at 31 percent, while 58 percent of respondents were opposed.

At the summit in July, the governor called her administration one of the most pro-life in the country. She pointed toward the pending constitutional amendment and the 24-hour wait limit. She said she can see more Iowa legislation in the future that she hopes will limit abortion access and that other states will follow.

"The power of informed patriotic Americans, bringing their faith, boldly into the public square, and seeking to influence government at all levels, cannot be overestimated," Reynolds said.

Health ramifications

Nine months after *Roe*, the Emma Goldman Clinic, an independent reproductive health clinic in Iowa City,

"When you outlaw abortion, of course it doesn't go away, it just becomes unsafe."

—Deborah Nye, Emma Goldman Clinic co-founder



Pro-life demonstrators line up and pray outside the Emma Goldman Clinic on Sept. 9.

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about 700 people annually for abortions and about 1,000 for other reproductive health services. Independent clinics provide the vast majority of abortion procedures, she said, including those that are done for a pregnancy that is further along.

"We see clients that are sick, clients that are poor, clients that have the least access, and so for that reason, it gives folks an option of where to go for reproductive health care," Thompson said.

According to the World Health Organization, 4.7 to 13.2 percent of maternal deaths worldwide are due to unsafe abortions annually.

The WHO's fact sheet said abortions are safe when they are carried out with a method that is recommended and is appropriate to the pregnancy duration, as well as when the person carrying out the abortion has the necessary skills.

Thompson said the recent law that passed in Texas will harm people with low incomes and those in rural areas the most, because these are the people who are often forced to delay services to secure funds and transportation.

The law follows a similar wording as Iowa's fetal heartbeat bill, because it, criminalizes an abortion that is done after the detection of a heartbeat, as an ultrasound must be performed after any mention of an abortion.

The Texas law makes civilians liable for knowing about or aiding someone's abortion. Thompson said this aspect of the law gives the public the ability to pursue and report what they believe to be an abortion, and subsequently consumes time and resources that could otherwise be used for quality health care services.

"The issue is really about whether or not a person wants to be a parent and continue in pregnancy, and the clinic really has a philosophy that folks should be able to make those very personal decisions on their own," Thompson said.

Madelaine Todd, a University of Iowa graduate and Iowa City resident, has stood outside the Emma Goldman Clinic in favor of its services every Thursday since March.

Pro-life and pro-choice advocates regularly demonstrate outside the clinic every Thursday.

Todd said people who consider abortion often consider other options first before terminating a pregnancy, and that the clients don't make the decision on a whim.

"This is something I very firmly believe in, that people should have the choice to do, or have the option to do, whatever they want with their own bodies," Todd said. "People should have autonomy over their own uterus, and all of their other organs."

It's not likely a person can know they are pregnant at six weeks, Todd said, because that is only two to four weeks after missing a period, and many people have irregular periods.

Todd said that determining the viability of a life based on a heartbeat doesn't make sense to her because the fetal heartbeat is more of a movement of cardiac cells and noise from an ultrasound.

"I don't know when life begins. I think I feel like it would begin when your body can support itself out of uterus," Todd said.

Todd said that Iowa could lose clinics like Emma Goldman, and while anti-abortion legislation is mostly a Republican priority, she feels Democrats have a tendency to sacrifice some legislative priorities to attempt bipartisanship.

"I feel like Democrats have a tendency to buy for this bipartisan, 'Let's keep the peace' option rather than actually acting in their constituents' wishes. So, in a sense, that does nothing but further this pro-life ideology, anti-abortion ideology," Todd said.

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Opinions

The complexity of sexual assault reporting

The guidelines and procedures in sexual assault and misconduct on college campuses can serve as a barrier to reporting.



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The Title IX and Gender Equity office is seen in Van Allen Hall at the University of Iowa on Sunday.



Hannah Pinski
Opinions Editor

We are in the red zone.

At the University of Iowa, we as students are at our most vulnerable for sexual assault. This is why the time period is called the “red zone,” as a majority of sexual assault occurs on campuses during the first few months of the fall semester. This doesn’t really come as a shock, as the time frame coincides with back-to-school parties and when freshmen are at their most vulnerable, because they’re unfamiliar with the campus and the reporting process.

Sexual assault and misconduct are unfortunately a pervasive issue on college campuses— including at the UI. In 2019, there were 521 reports of incidents to the UI’s Title IX and Gender Equity Office. Of those reports, 153 were for sexual assault and 182 for sexual harassment.

Despite the prevalence of sexual assault, however, it

rarely gets reported. In fact, only 12 percent of sexual assault survivors report their assault, and only 7 percent of survivors of incapacitated sexual assault make the decision to report.

So, why isn’t it getting reported? Survivors have cited several reasons, such as lack of proof, fear of retaliation, or not knowing how to report. Those who wish to report on college campuses are often met with a complicated process that discourages them.

While members of our student body have called for institutional change in the UI reporting process, the system is more complex than what most people may think. The problem and irony lies in the idea that the reporting process itself is what sometimes drives survivors away from reporting their case.

What is the UI reporting process?

At the UI, the Title IX and Gender Equity Office is the home base for reports of sexual misconduct and assault when it involves members or visitors of the university community. However, the office itself does not investigate the reports. The Office of Student Accountability inves-

tigates complaints involving student respondents, and the Office of Equal Opportunity investigates complaints involving employee respondents.

These are investigations to determine potential policy violations, not criminal investigations.

Although the office receives hundreds of reports, the majority of them do not result in an investigation. Of the 521 reports made in 2019, only 44 opened up an investigation. Out of the 44 investigations, 22 were found of no policy violation, 21 were found of a policy violation, and one was closed.

After a report is received by the office, the Title IX Gender Equity Unit meets with the complainant to decide if they want to file a formal complaint. The Title IX coordinator can also initiate the formal complaint, but the resolution process is optional for both complainants and respondents. Once the formal complaint is initiated, an investigation is opened and then it can fall into one of three processes: Process A, Process B, or the Adaptable Resolution.

In Process A, the investigation meets Title IX regulations and includes a live hearing, with the complainant and respondent. If

the respondent is found to have committed a policy violation, it can result in their expulsion or suspension.

Process B is enacted if the alleged behavior doesn’t fall under Title IX’s definition of sexual harassment and regulations and would not result in suspension or expulsion. While other institutions like the criminal justice system can charge an individual of sexual assault, Process A and B can only determine if a policy has been violated.

Finally, the Adaptable Resolution is a voluntary process that addresses the harm instead of finding a policy violation. The complainant and respondent must agree to partake in this process, and it ends once both parties agree on a resolution agreement.

Complications in the process and Title IX barriers

Not only is the reporting process complex, but certain guidelines and practices within it often drive victims away from initiating a case.

Because the UI receives federal funding, the institution must follow Title IX guidelines—including when it comes to handling sexual assault and harassment.

Title IX in some ways has complicated the process and keeps victims from reporting. Changes made by the Trump Administration and former Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos are alarming for survivors because certain regulations jeopardize victims’ ability to report harassment.

While the administration and DeVos argued that these new guidelines were to safeguard all students — including those who are falsely accused — they’re actually failing to protect survivors.

First, their decisions to release these changes are rooted in an issue that doesn’t really exist. In fact, only 2 to 8 percent of sexual assaults are falsely reported, which is a similar percentage rate for other crimes.

Under new regulations, the bar was raised for what counts as sexual harassment under Title IX. Before, it was defined as “unwelcome conduct of sexual nature.” Now, new rules implemented a stricter standard and defined it as “unwelcome conduct that a reasonable person would determine is so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it denies a person access to the school’s education program or activity.”

The issue with the change is that it essentially says a student wouldn’t be able to complain until they’re driven out of class or their academic process is disrupted. But it shouldn’t have to reach such high stakes before institutions can take action.

Instead, universities should be allowed to stop harassment from rising to that level in the first place.

The second concern is a change in evidentiary standard. While the UI uses the preponderance standard, it raises concerns for survivors at other institutions who choose to follow the clear and convincing standard because it sets a dangerous precedent for investigations.

Under new guidance, schools can use the preponderance or clear and convincing standards. The clear and convincing standard is considered a “higher burden of proof,” because evidence must be

substantially greater than a 50 percent likelihood of being true. In general, there is often minimal evidence when an assault occurs — such as eyewitnesses — as many assaults occur behind closed doors.

Under new rules, schools also must require cross-examinations of parties in a Title IX case. At the UI, this occurs during the live hearing in process A, where a representative or lawyer of the respondent can cross-examine the complainant.

This can directly drive away survivors, as the new policy requires them to talk about their own trauma, but not on their own account.

Research has also shown that cross-examinations can retraumatize survivors and serve as a barrier to others from reporting their assault. It’s also proven to be a poor tool to judge the accuracy in cases of sexual violence.

It’s irresponsible to force universities like the UI to require this policy, especially with previous guidance discouraging such practice, because it could possibly escalate a hostile environment.

The investigation, in general, is a dragged-out process. On average, an investigation lasts 154 calendar days, according to a 2019 report. Several factors affect the length of the investigation and understandably so, such as having to interview multiple witnesses and whether legal representation is involved.

But knowing the investigation is a drawn out, lengthy process doesn’t necessarily appeal to survivors, as it forces them to possibly relive their trauma. This could prevent them from moving forward in the healing process for months.

We shouldn’t be living in a world where survivors feel they cannot depend on those in power to protect them against sexual violence. If we have a reporting process that drives away survivors instead of helping them, then universities are setting a dangerous precedent for future cases, which only harms survivors in the process.

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The Southernfication of Midwest culture

Iowa’s culture is beginning to look more like the South, which is why the GOP is able to stay in power.



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Iowa’s trend toward conservatism is emblematic of a new hypothesis gaining traction in political science. The old North-South Divide that dominated U.S. politics through the 1960s lives on in a new rural versus urban split.

In previous decades, Iowa has always been a battleground state for Democrats and Republicans. Now, the state has become increasingly red. Republicans have

held unified control over the state government through the 2010s, and former President Donald Trump won Iowa convincingly in 2016 and 2020.

As jobs left the state and resentment toward minorities rise, the former rural Democratic base has begun to crumble. The college-educated Republican suburban and urbanites began leaving the party, thus leading to geographic polarization.

While some have been puzzled by this dramatic shift, it becomes clearer after analyzing how rural culture has changed over the past 30 years.

“*Fargo*,” the Coen Brothers’ 1996 crime classic, was one of the first films to effectively introduce rural Midwestern culture to the

rest of America.

The film’s protagonist, Marge Gunderson, is the prototypical Midwesterner. She has the quintessential happy-go-lucky attitude that has become associated with the region. This is coupled with Marge’s distinct, somewhat nasally accent that traces its roots back to the northern and central European immigrants who settled the heartland in the 19th century.

As for costume design, most of the characters were dressed in flannels or bright wool sweaters over beautiful downed coats, paired with ushankas and winter boots. The film’s score draws comparisons to the subtle folk music of musicians harkening from the Midwest.

Now, over 25 years after

the movie’s release, Midwestern culture has undergone a radical change, in that it has become more reflective of extremist views prominent in parts of the south. When traveling out into the Iowa countryside, the “Iowa nice” has been replaced by gas guzzling pick-up trucks and Confederate flags. Despite the fact that flannels and sweaters still remain, but the Midwesterners who wear them now have the attitude of the most fervent conservatives in rural Texas.

The cultural metamorphosis of Midwest culture could not have occurred without the help of national media and entertainment networks. Shows such as *Duck Dynasty* have become increasingly popular among those living

in the Midwest, disseminating southern syllogisms into households of Iowa farmers.

Furthermore, conservative radio talk shows and Fox News have acted as a catalyst for Southernfication, introducing rural listeners to the racialized politics that southern politicians have used to devastating effect. As a result, cities such as Des Moines have become reliable bases for Democrats, while sleepy towns like Burlington have become Republican country.

In the 2018 governor’s race, votes from the seven largest counties in Iowa accounted for 53 percent of the vote that Fred Hubbell received — including Johnson County, home of Iowa City. Compare that to

the election in 1998, where those same counties only provided former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack with 42 percent of his total voters.

When discussing politics, a basic assumption that seems to be forgotten by many political scientists and journalists is that politics influence culture, and vice versa. The seemingly shocking shift to the right that Iowa has seen in the past decade did not happen overnight, but rather over time in which rural Iowans have become more like their southern counterparts.

Until this postulation is explored and debated over, we will continue to be in the dark about the changing climate of American politics.

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Reestablished UI department names interim chair

After spending five years as a division of the department of surgery, the cardiothoracic surgery department is relaunching with a new chair.



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Kalpaj Parekh, interim chair of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery poses for a portrait at the UI Heart and Vascular Center on Sept. 1.

Anthony Neri
News Reporter

Kalpaj Parekh, professor of Surgery-Cardiothoracic Surgery, began his role as interim chair and departmental executive officer of the relaunched Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery in the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine on Sept. 1.

Over the past five years, the cardiothoracic surgery department was a division within the larger department of surgery. UI Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery Ronald Weigel served as the interim chair, Parekh said.

Cardiothoracic surgery deals with surgery of the thoracic cavity — the chest cavity that holds the heart, lungs, and esophagus — cardiac surgery, and congenital heart surgery.

The department was previously dropped and rolled into surgery because it lost two chairs back-to-back in the span of just two years, Parkeh said.

“There was a lot of exodus of faculty members,” he said. The department was approved for reestablishment by the state Board of Regents in June, according to the Carver College of Medicine website.

“Over the last five years, we have been fairly stable, and there has been a steady growth,” Parekh said. “And

so, the institution decided it was time to bring it back as a department as it used to be.” Parekh said one of his responsibilities as interim chair and department executive officer is to communicate to the medicine college what resources his department needs.

These resources, Parekh said, can go toward administrative support, human resource support, and academic and educational support.

“So, my role is to kind of take an inventory of all that we need to be successful

and intensive care units. “I think the totality of unique aspects does differentiate us from other service lines in the hospital,” he said.

Keech added that being separate gives the department the opportunity to recruit the best faculty. It also fosters a direct line of communication with hospital leaders that will help provide the department’s unique service line with the right resources, he said.

Parekh said the department provides some one-of-a-kind services in Iowa,

“I think the totality of unique aspects does differentiate us from other service lines in the hospital.”

— John Keech, UI Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery-Cardiothoracic Surgery

as a free-standing department,” he said.

In his new position, Parekh said his primary responsibility is to make sure the patient care in the service lines continues to function seamlessly.

UI Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery-Cardiothoracic Surgery John Keech said the reestablishment of the department is beneficial because of the unique service-line needs of cardiothoracic surgery, including personal and anesthesia needs, hospital resources,

such as the heart transplant program, the lung transplant program, and the pediatric heart transplant program.

“For a group of individuals that provide such unique services, I think the institution leadership felt that it was important for us to have a seat at the big table with the other department chairs so we can have a say in how strategically the institution should allocate [resources],” he said.

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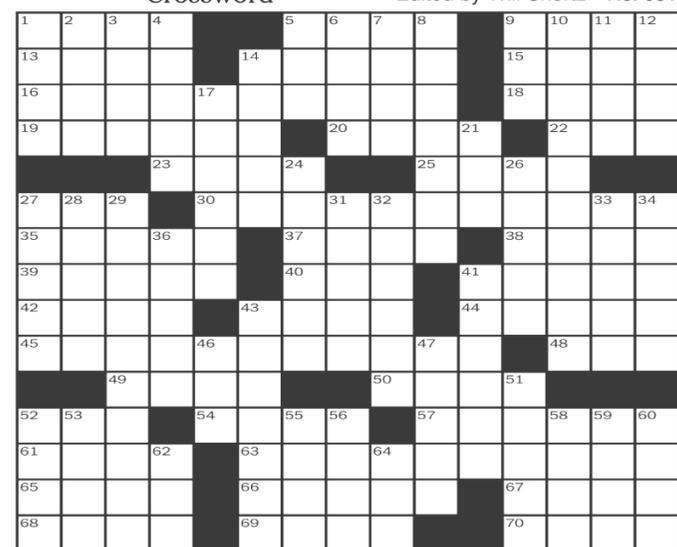
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 - Artist Vincent van ___
 - Feathered Outback runners
 - Baghdad's land
 - Visually challenged "Mr." of cartoons
 - Steady look
 - Universal code of ethics
 - Stick-to-itiveness
 - More gray in appearance
 - Active Sicilian volcano
 - "... or thereabouts"
 - Midwife's instruction
 - Phrase starting a legal memo
 - Xmas mo.
 - Quick-minded sort
 - Put pen to paper
 - Desire for a contestant on "The Bachelor"
 - ___ Blanc
 - Packing heat
 - What wolves do at the moon
 - Language group of southern Africa
 - Need for tug of war
 - Long-necked pear
 - Finished
 - One who says that you're not on the ball?
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 - Pizzeria fixture
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 - Finish second, say
 - "Please allow me ..."
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 - Speaking of which ... or where the starts of 16-, 30- and 45-Across can be found?
 - Pivotal point
 - Singer Carpenter or actress Gillan

- Down**
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 - Cousins of 401(k)s
 - Trail
 - Gear up
 - Participant in a square dance
 - Eye lewdly
 - Bearded farm animal
 - "What a kind gesture!"
 - Nog ingredient
 - Organizing guru who asks "Does it spark joy?"
 - Israeli submachine guns
 - Late-night host Meyers
 - Boggy tract
 - Got some extra life out of
 - 365 días
 - Where ships arrive and depart
 - Like I, for one?
 - ___ planet (designation for Pluto)
 - Swashbuckling Flynn
 - Kia Sportage or Ford Escape
 - Make fun of mercilessly
 - Hitchcock film with a classic shower scene
 - Info from a spy
 - One of 27 Chopin piano pieces
 - Things that gears and crocodiles share
 - Lacking, with "of"
 - Brand of bubble gum
 - Conger, for one
 - Brand of water named after a town on Lake Geneva
 - Assassin of old Japan
 - One half of the McDonald's logo
 - "It's ___ good cause"
 - Jacket fastener that's not a button
 - Raison d'___
 - Heathland
 - Squabbling
 - Longs (for)
 - Cancel, as a show
 - "___ dead, Jim" (much-parodied "Star Trek" line)

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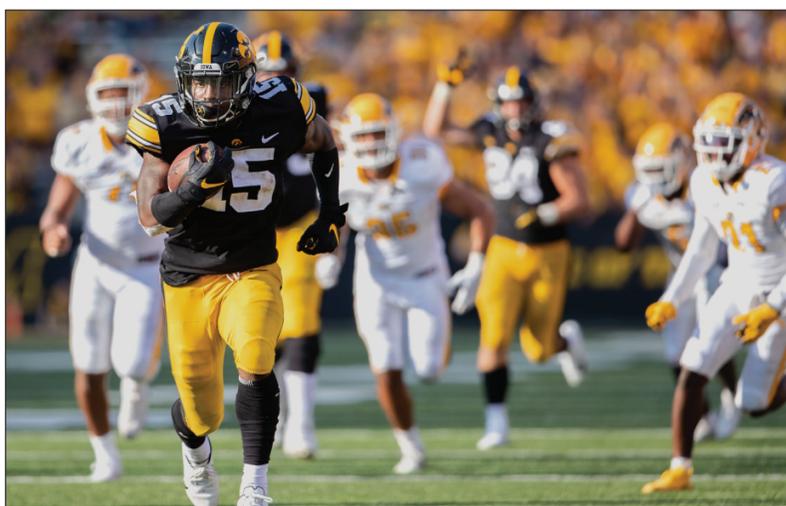
The Hawkeyes take the field during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.

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HAWKEYES

GOLDEN FLASHES

The No. 5 Iowa football team defeated Kent State, 30-7, at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday. Behind Tyler Goodson's 153 rushing yards and three touchdowns, and the defense's seven sacks, the Hawkeyes improved to 3-0 on the season.



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Iowa running back Tyler Goodson runs the ball toward the end zone for a touchdown during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.



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Iowa tight end Sam LaPorta celebrates a touchdown during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.



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Iowa safety Kaevon Merriweather celebrates a safety during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium.



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The Iowa spirit squad cheers for fans during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.



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Iowa tight end Sam LaPorta catches a pass during a game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.

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Hawkeyes pummel the passer

The Hawkeye defense constantly got to Golden Flashes quarterback Dustin Crum, recording the team's highest number of sacks since 2000.

Robert Read
Pregame Editor

Kent State quarterback Dustin Crum's back was against the Duke Slater Field turf in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game when he glanced to his right and saw Iowa defensive linemen Joe Evans and Zach VanValkenburg headbutting each other after teaming up for a sack.

Crum then reached an arm out so his offensive linemen could assist in helping him off the ground. Unfortunately for Crum, this routine became all too familiar against Iowa.

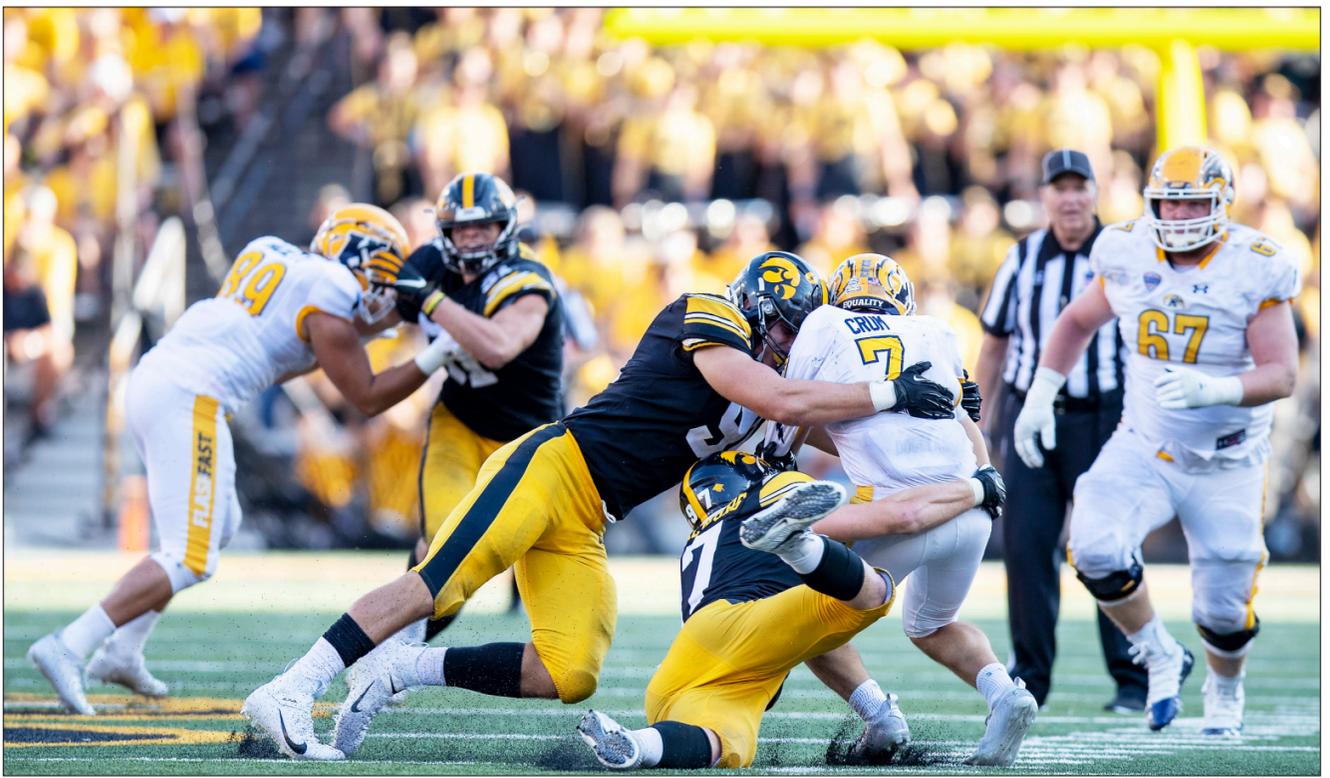
No. 5 Iowa's defense pummeled Crum all game, sacking him seven times in the team's 30-7 victory over Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.

"It starts with how they practice the whole week," said Iowa linebacker Jack Campbell, who totaled 11 tackles and half a sack against the Golden Flashes. "I feel like as a defense we're locked in. We knew Kent State was going to be a tough offense to play. But our defensive line, there's no let-up with them. That makes me proud of them. Now we can just continue to keep improving. You only saw a little snippet of it tonight."

Evans and fellow defensive lineman Lukas Van Ness both tallied two sacks against Kent State.

VanValkenburg was good for 1.5, and defensive end John Waggoner got one for himself, too. Add in Campbell's half sack, and that's seven on the afternoon — the most the Hawkeyes have recorded in a single game since recording seven against Northwestern in 2000.

"We've really been focusing all week on im-



Iowa defensive linemen Zach VanValkenburg and Lukas Van Ness combine for a sack on Kent State quarterback Dustin Crum during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Golden Flashes 30-7. Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan

proving our pass rush," Van Ness said. "I really think this group of guys we have has a lot of trust in each other. A lot of communication today and everybody looking out for us ... We always talk about getting as many hats to the ball as possible. That's why we call it the swarm."

"Every snap is important, especially for these younger guys," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz added. "That's what I've been trying to say the last two weeks. We've got a lot of guys that haven't played much, and Lukas is one of those guys. We've liked him. He works hard in practice, and you like what you see. There wasn't

room for him last year. We didn't have openings for him to get involved. But all those guys, they've been doing a really good

“ We always talk about getting as many hats to the ball as possible. That's why we call it the swarm. **”**

— Iowa defensive lineman Lukas Van Ness

job.”

Iowa's first sack of the game was perhaps its most important.

On a third-down play at his own 15-yard line, Kent State's center snapped the ball over Crum's head and the ball rolled into the end zone. Crum recovered the ball and was immediately

met by Van Ness and VanValkenburg for a safety.

The Hawkeyes went up 2-0, and running back Tyler Goodson quickly

the game. It got Kinnick rockin', and when that happens, good things happen.”

Iowa had to replace three starters from last year's defensive line, including an All-American (Daviyon Nixon) and a first-team All-Big Ten player (Chauncey Golston), going into the 2021 campaign.

And it's been a team effort in doing so. Defensively, 10 Hawkeyes have rotated in up front this season. And so far, that rotation has been a productive one.

Iowa recorded a sack and five tackles for loss in its season-opener against Indiana. Last week, the

Hawkeye defensive front added two more sacks and five additional tackles for loss.

Then on Saturday, Iowa's front unit had its marquee performance of the year to this point.

"It starts out with [defensive line coach Kelvin Bell] and how he runs things," Van Ness said. "He's a great coach. He teaches us great fundamentals — how to have great pad level, get separation, all the things you need to be a great defensive lineman. I think we've all taken it in and I think it's worked out for every guy in our room.”

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drive,” Petras said. “And, you know, it was a solid run game, a solid pass game, everything showed up, it was, you know, all 11 guys working hard so that was a great practice.”

Petras utilized seven different players to march down the field — including a six-yard pass to true freshman Arland Bruce IV for his first career catch in the Black and Gold.

Junior running back Tyler Goodson accounted for 25 of the Hawkeyes' 95-yard drive, en route to a 153-yard rushing game — a career high for Goodson.

"It's kind of illustrative in a lot of ways of what it takes to be a good offense," Ferentz said. "It's just concentrating play after play, not worrying about trying to make

the big play, and I think sometimes I get the feeling standing there we're trying to force things a little bit too much sometimes, and that's — you want a player to try to do his best, but just let things kind of play out, and it's the same way on defense.”

The final play culminated in a five-yard pass from Petras to junior tight end Sam LaPorta with nineteen seconds left in the second quarter.

In a tight window, Petras caught LaPorta on a dive shallow in the end zone for the Hawkeyes' second touchdown of the matchup.

"We made some tough plays during that possession," Ferentz said. "Even Sam's touchdown catch was — that wasn't a big window right there, but Spencer got the ball in there and he made the catch. So that was really

good. Those are the kinds of things that will help build a team if we take advantage of it.”

For the Hawkeye defense — one that dealt with a high-powered Kent State offense running plays every 10-15 seconds — it was a welcome break from the field.

"We weren't on the field very much that second half," senior cornerback Riley Moss said. "Which is nice because we get a break and, you know, they're gonna go down and score. So, it's always nice when the offense is able to put together a big drive like that, a big long drive, and run the clock out.”

The 3-0 Hawkeyes will take on Colorado State — part of the Mountain West Conference — at Kinnick Stadium Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

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Iowa running back Tyler Goodson stiff arms Kent State defensive lineman Jasper Robinson during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Golden Flashes with a score of 30-7. Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan

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passing game is something Iowa's own offense still hasn't really accomplished, although quarterback Spencer Petras did connect with Nico Ragaini for a 48-yard gain.

"We've said it a million times," Petras said, "We have a young team, especially on offense, and if we're improving every week, which I think we did today, then I'm happy and that's all we can do. It's a long season, it's a long road. But we just need to keep chopping away.”

Overall, the Hawkeye passing attack was ultra-conservative against Kent State. It looked like Greg Davis was back on the coaching staff. Petras was fine, completing 25-of-36 passes for 209 yards and a touchdown. Plus, he didn't turn the ball over.

Yet Petras still looked uneasy, and it appears Iowa's offensive coaching staff is hesitant to allow the second-year starter to throw much downfield. And when he was looking downfield, Petras missed receivers on throws that even Ferentz admitted should've been

made better.

And as long as we're detailing the negatives, eight penalties for 72 yards won't do Iowa any favors in close games.

"At the end of the day, there's a lot of things that we can clean up for sure,

“ It's a long season, it's a long road. But we just need to keep chopping away. **”**

— Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras

especially on the defensive side," Moss said. "We still haven't, and we talked about this after the game, we still haven't played a perfect 60-minute game. So, in my eyes and in the defensive guys' eyes, that's very exciting because we are very excited to grow and get better each week. We're going to look at the film and figure out what went wrong with some stuff and turn it around.”

It wasn't always great to watch, but it wasn't all negative against Kent State.

Kyler Schott made his return to an Iowa offensive line that seems to be coming together and allowed running back Tyler Good-

son to run for a career-high 153 yards and three touchdowns. The defense scored more points (this time via a safety) and forced another turnover. And Iowa's defensive line, a unit with a question mark by it coming into the season, registered

seven sacks, the team's most since 2000. Not everything was pretty against Kent State. And that's OK. It's only natural for there to be a little bit of a letdown against a MAC team after two emotional victories to start the season.

Iowa wasn't bad. It just wasn't great. "I don't know how good we are," Ferentz said. "We'll figure that out three months from now. But I like the guys we work with.”

As he should. There's plenty to clean up, but still a whole lot to be optimistic about.

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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras passes the ball during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Golden Flashes with a score of 30-7. Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan

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Petras, offense settle in

After struggling in the first quarter, Hawkeye quarterback Spencer Petras finished with 209 passing yards.



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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras throws a pass during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Golden Flashes 30-7.

Chloe Peterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Hawkeye junior quarterback Spencer Petras started out slow in Iowa's 30-7 victory over Kent State.

The second-year starter completed just two of his first five attempts, and at times scrambled

outside of the pocket and threw passes over the heads of his receivers to escape the dynamic Golden Flashes' defense.

"There were a couple throws, I'm sure he would tell you the same thing, that you've got to make that throw," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "That's the next step. But that'll

come. That'll come. I think maybe he's pressing a little bit too hard at times. That's just my unprofessional opinion, because I'm certainly not an expert on quarterbacks, but I think sometimes he might be trying a little too hard."

Despite Ferentz's in-expertise on quarter-

backs, Petras settled in after a rocky first quarter. Overall, Iowa collected 418 total yards of offense against Kent State on Saturday, and Petras completed 25 of his 36 attempts for 209 yards for a touchdown and no interceptions.

Coming into Saturday's matchup, Kent State led

Division I football with eight interceptions. The Golden Flashes recorded zero interceptions Saturday, and Petras continued his turnover-free season.

With Iowa seeking to extend its lead going into halftime, the quarterback led the Hawkeyes through a 20-play, 95-yard touchdown drive that took up

eight minutes and 38 seconds of the second quarter.

The 20-play drive was the longest in the Ferentz era, and its longest scoring drive since 2003 — when the Hawkeyes mustered up 18 plays against Illinois.

"It was a really good

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Game ball

Junior running back Tyler Goodson led the Hawkeyes with 153 rushing yards and three touchdowns — both career highs.

Overtuned call

On a third and five play, Hawkeye quarterback Spencer Petras threw an 11-yard pass to junior wide receiver Tyrone Tracy Jr., who caught the ball in the air before being tackled.

As Tracy fell, the ball briefly fell out of his grasp, but he regained control of it as the play ended.

The play was originally called a catch, before the replay staff decided to review the play. The call was overturned, much to the displeasure of Tracy, head coach Kirk Ferentz, and the crowd at Kinnick Stadium.

The Hawkeyes ended up punting the ball away, and the crowd continued to boo the officials through the next few plays.

"It's a little frustrating to say the least, but hopefully this gets cleaned up during the road," head coach Kirk Ferentz said of the overturned pass. "In my humble opinion, the people on the field should be in charge because they're the ones that look like fools and they have nothing to do with this. Anyway, that's why they call that guy the referee, right? He's responsible."

Up next

Iowa takes on Colorado State at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City Saturday at 2:30 p.m. The game will air on FSI.

Iowa stays No. 5

The Hawkeyes remain at No. 5 in the Week 4 AP poll. Alabama remains the top-ranked team in the poll. Penn State (No. 6) and Ohio State (No. 10) are the other top-10 Big Ten teams.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I still read newspapers."

—Hawkeye football head coach Kirk Ferentz on seeing headlines about his team

STAT OF THE DAY

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Total passing yards Saturday from Hawkeye punter Tory Taylor

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Not pretty, but a win

No. 5 Iowa moved to 3-0 on the season, but didn't exactly look great doing it.



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Iowa defensive back Riley Moss tackles Kent State wide receiver Keshunn Abram during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Golden Flashes 30-7.

The No. 5 Iowa football team only looked fine in its 30-7 win over Kent State on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium. And that's fine.

Not every game is going to be a convincing victory over a top-20 opponent. After a four-touchdown win over Indiana to open the season and a commanding triumph over Iowa State in Week 2, Iowa's matchup with Kent State seemed destined to be a letdown. And, in a way, it was.

The Hawkeyes won by 23 points, but they didn't look sharp doing it.



Robert Read
Pregame Editor

"If anybody was watching," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said postgame on the Big Ten Network, "we'll probably be [ranked] 15th this week, based on what I saw."

That's probably a bit of an overreaction, Kirk. Iowa did some good things against Kent State. But, more so than in the first two games of the season, it did some underwhelming things, too. Let's get those out of the way.

Senior running back Ivory Kelly-Martin averaged 6.8 yards per carry as Iowa's No. 2 rushing option, but was sent to the bench after fumbling twice.

Iowa's vaunted secondary looked human at times against Kent State's fast-tempo offense. Senior cornerback Riley Moss, who ran back two interceptions for touchdowns in Week 1, gave up a handful of chunk plays against the Golden Flashes, including a 48-yard completion. By the way, making chunk plays downfield in the

REPORT CARD

Grading Iowa's win over Kent State

The offense showed some signs of improvement.

Robert Read
Pregame Editor

Daily Iowan Pregame Editor Robert Read graded Iowa's performance in all three phases after the Hawkeyes' 30-7 win over Kent State.

Offense

B-

Giving the ball to Tyler Goodson always seems like a good idea. It definitely was on Saturday.

The junior recorded career-highs with 153 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Iowa's offensive line looked as good as it has all season, perhaps in part because Tyler Schott returned to the rotation. The team totaled 418 yards of offense and scored four touchdowns on the day (A Spencer Petras-Sam LaPorta connection being the other). An inability to go downfield in the passing game and two fumbles by Ivory Kelly-Martin sank the offense's grade a little bit.

Defense

A-

Iowa's secondary is human, after all. The Hawkeyes allowed a 48-yard play in the passing game on the same drive it would later give up a passing touchdown. But the Golden Flashes didn't accomplish much else. Iowa's defense scored on a safety, forced a turnover at its one-yard line, and tallied seven sacks. You know your defense is really good when that only gets you an A-minus.

Special teams

A

There's not really anything to complain about from Iowa's special teams play.

Punter Tory Taylor averaged 51.5 yards on his four punts, and Terry Roberts led the way on Iowa's excellent coverage team. Kicker Caleb Shudak didn't get to attempt a field goal, but made all of his extra points. And Kent State kept the ball away from return man Charlie Jones with short/directional kicks because of how dangerous he is with the football, which set Iowa up in good field position throughout the day.

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