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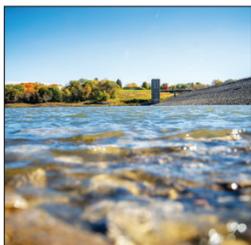
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Song search is on

A former Iowa football player hopes his song, "We Wave," will become the next Hawkeye Wave song.



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Dalles Jacobus, a former Iowa football player who graduated in 2020, performs his song "We Wave" in front of the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital on Sunday. Jacobus is pushing for "We Wave" to become the next song to play during Iowa's wave to the children's hospital at the end of the first quarter in a home football game.

Marandah Mangra-Dutcher News Reporter

While playing for the Iowa football team, Dalles Jacobus wrote a song about the Hawkeye Wave.

This week, it became a contender for the tradition's new anthem.

When the University of Iowa announced on April 21 that it was looking for a new song for the Hawkeye Wave, multiple people tagged Jacobus in the replies on the Twitter announcement.

"I had no clue about any of this until ... people

started tagging me in the post," he said.

Jacobus posted a shorter version of the song on Twitter that gained a lot of attention.

"I went on Twitter and I was like, 'I think I can help you out here,' and I posted a little snippet of the professionally done version of the song," he said. "That just blew up. Like, I think it has more interactions than the original tweet does."

Jacobus said he has always been into music but never thought of pursuing it.

"I've always enjoyed it," he said. "I did show choir, chamber choir, a cappella choir, all that stuff in high school, but athletics was where I

strived."

In an email to *The Daily Iowan*, UI Public Relations Manager Chris Brewer wrote that the former wave song, "Wave on Wave" by Pat Green, was recorded in 2020 by the Hawkeye Marching Band to own the rights to that song.

"As our fans select a new song, the university will navigate the next steps with song usage. This will happen in the first vetting process when eight songs are put up for the first fan vote," Brewer wrote.

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West High student starts suicide prevention organization

Iowa City West senior Abbey Schley started the I'm Glad You Stayed Program, a suicide prevention nonprofit, after losing her friend to suicide a year ago.



Isabella Cervantes/The Daily Iowan

Nikki Pinter, Dottie Schley, and Abbey Schley, pose for a portrait at the Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City on April 19. Abbey Schley started an organization known as the I'm Glad You Stayed project, which raises awareness for teen suicide, in memory of Dylan Salge.

Sam Knupp News Reporter

Editor's note: This report contains descriptions of suicide.

Abbey Schley, a senior at Iowa City West, started a suicide prevention nonprofit after not knowing what to do when her friend, Dylan Salge, texted her in a moment of crisis in March 2021.

Schley said she told her mom about the text, and her mom called the non-emergency line to inform the police of what was happening.

"I realized the night we lost him, I had no idea what you're supposed to do for someone who is struggling with suicidal ideation," she said. "And

I didn't have any resources."

After losing Salge to suicide and hearing about another suicide in the area, she said people began deciding that enough is enough.

The I'm Glad You Stayed Project was designed by Schley to give people resources, so they know what to do when a friend or loved one is dealing with thoughts of suicide.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, suicide was the second-leading cause of death for people aged 10 to 24 in 2019.

The program has given out wristbands with suicide-prevention resources listed on them, along with pamphlets encouraging people to

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Shattering the silence

The Take Back the Night rally organized by the Women's Resource and Action Center is returning to Iowa City April 26, for the first time since 2019.

Arabia Parkey News Reporter

Editor's note: This report contains mentions of sexual violence.

Survivors of sexual violence and their advocates will march through the Pedestrian Mall next Tuesday in the Take Back the Night rally hosted by the University of Iowa Women's Resource and Action Center.

The event is returning to Iowa City for the first time since 2019, after a hiatus because of COVID-19.

Take Back the Night is a global movement with protests in the U.S. dating back to the '70s, when violent incidents against women in Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Los Angeles gained media attention.

Laurie Haag, program developer at the UI's Women's Resource and Action Center, or WRAC, said the Take Back the Night rallies were created as educational and activist events to bring attention to the prevalence of sexual violence.

"The title of Take Back the Night is a reference to the fact that women and other people who might be victimized in some way have traditionally not felt safe at night on the streets in our communities," Haag said.

Haag said that, in this movement, visions of those affected by sexual violence have expanded to acknowledge that men and people of other genders, not just women, also often experience sexual violence.

People in the LGBTQ+ community and people of color disproportionately experience cases of sexual assault, she said.

According to the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, 19 percent of Black women and 34 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women are likely to be raped in their lifetimes.

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ETHICS & POLITICS

Ernst celebrates bipartisan work on VAWA

Republican Sen. Joni Ernst said the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act was a significant bipartisan accomplishment that will help survivors and advocates in Iowa and across the country.

Natalie Dunlap
Politics Editor

Renewing the Violence Against Women Act was incredibly important personally, and for advocacy groups across Iowa and the country, Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan*.

"For survivors, just so they know that we're here and we are providing those resources necessary for them to move out of really difficult circumstances," Ernst said in the interview at her D.C. office.

The Violence Against Women Act was initially passed in 1994 and must be

renewed every five years. It recently passed again as part of the bipartisan spending bill in March.

used his influence on the Judiciary Committee, as well as Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who Ernst said helped her with the tribal piece of the bill.

"Three years of effort went into that bill, a piece of legislation, and again, another just phenomenal bipartisan effort of so many," Ernst said. "I want to give a huge kudos to my dear friend [Sen.] Diane Feinstein [D-Calif.]. She has partnered with me from day one on this effort, and she stuck with it even when there were product naysayers out there, you know, telling her to back off. She was always encouraging and saying, we're going to get this done."

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., has worked with Ernst on legislation addressing sexual assault in the military.

The law will also expand access to medial forensic examination for sexual assault survivors in rural areas and ensure that the National Resource Center on Workplace Response program services are available to businesses with fewer than 20 employees and public-sector businesses.

Ernst credited Democrats who collaborated on the bill, including Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who

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renewed every five years. It recently passed again as part of the bipartisan spending bill in March.

"This bill touched so many different committees in the United States Senate," Ernst said. "It was important to have buy-in from all of them, and we were able to get it done."

The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act includes several provisions the Iowa junior senator fought for, Ernst Communications Director Brendan Conley said. These include prohibiting federal officers from engaging in sexual acts while on the job or with an individual who is under arrest.

Additionally, the reauthorization increases funding for education and survivor assistance programs. It doubles support for the Rural Domestic Violence Assistance Pro-

gram and the Rape Prevention and Education Program, as well as more than doubling support for the Sexual Assault Services Program.

"Congress did its job in passing the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which will support survivors and help to prevent incidents of domestic violence and violence against women, both of which were exacerbated by the pandemic," Gillibrand said in a statement shared with the *DI*. "Senator Ernst and I share a focus on finding common ground and the reauthorization of this important law shows what Congress can accomplish when we work together in a bipartisan manner."

Mónica Ramírez, president and founder of Justice for Migrant Women, said the reauthorization was a critical step toward creating a safer space for

survivors. "As we imagine and fight for a world free from violence, we support VAWA and continue to advocate



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Sen. Joni Ernst, R-IA, talks with constituents at an early morning meeting in the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., on April 6.

tion and providing necessary resources to Tribal governments through VAWA, Tribes will be better equipped to keep

Maria Corona, executive director of the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, said this reauthorization will respond to the needs of diverse populations through culturally-specific programs.

"Every time Congress has reauthorized VAWA, they have strengthened it to improve protections and access to safety and justice for all survivors."

Corona said in a statement provided by Conley. "We want to thank Senator Ernst for introducing the VAWA reauthorization to the Senate today and her steadfast efforts and advocacy to gain bipartisan support for this critical piece of legislation."

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IA-01 Democrats strategize for midterms

Democrats came out to elect party officers and discuss platform items. Democratic candidates were in attendance to speak with voters and rally support for the party.

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Politics Editor

If organizers have conversations with those close to them every week about upcoming elections, Democrats could flip seats and gain more power in the state than they would by knocking on the doors of thousands of strangers, said Sandy Dockendorff, Iowa First District Central Committee chair.

"If every person in this room, every week talked to three people that you know that understand that you're interested in this stuff — people that you help to educate on the issues, on the points of view that you have — if you can have those real conversations with three people every week between now and the elections, we will win elections we never thought were possible," she said.

Dockendorff addressed attendants at the First District Democratic Convention in the auditorium of Liberty High School on Saturday. She said that, in the newly drawn 1st Congressional District, 44 candidates are running for state or federal elected offices.

Democrats came out to elect party officers and discuss platform items. Democratic candidates were in attendance to speak with voters and rally support for the party, including Senate candidate Abby Finkenauer.

In introducing Finkenauer, Johnson County Party Chair Ed Cranston said it's critical not only that Democrats keep the U.S. Senate majority, but also that Iowans send a Democrat to the Senate.

Finkenauer represented northeast Iowa in the U.S.

Congress for one term, before losing reelection to Republican Rep. Ashley Hinson in 2020. Following that election, Finkenauer said she swore off running for public office, but the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol changed her mind.

Finkenauer, who is running to replace long-time Republican incumbent Sen. Chuck Grassley, is advocating for term limits. Finkenauer said in his decades in Washington, Grassley has left Iowans behind, and critiqued other Democrats for having forgot their background as well, citing Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz. and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-VA.

"I think it is incredibly important and for the functioning of our country and for democracy, that will lead to people who are close to their constituents who are living in the communities that they are fighting to represent and that we make sure that people are connected again," Finkenauer said. "So vow right now and across the state — two terms that's it, that's all I ask because, quite frankly, I don't need 47 years to get the job done."

In Iowa, Republicans control the state House, Senate, and gubernatorial office. The GOP also holds both Iowa Senate seats and all but one Congressional seat.

"The Republicans have shown that they're not competent to govern in many ways, because right now they're past the end of ... when there should have been signing day," said Janice Weiner, former Iowa City City Councilor and candidate running to replace retiring Democrat Sen. Joe Bolkcom. "They



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Iowa Senate candidate Janice Weiner speaks with granddaughter Alaska Latham during the 2022 First District Democratic Convention at Liberty High School in North Liberty on Saturday. Regarding her goals, Weiner said, "I am really focused now on coming up with ideas of what we can meet, what we need to do, what's possible, and for the bigger picture, what we must do for this state going forward."

control all the levers of power, and they haven't managed in private, behind closed doors to pass a budget with our tax dollars. So, to me, that's not good governance, and it's not acceptable."

State Rep. Christina Bohannon, D-Iowa City, is running to represent the 1st Congressional District, challenging incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks. Miller-Meeks won her seat by six votes against Democrat Rita Hart in the race for the seat left open by former Democratic Rep. Dave Loebsack.

Bohannon did not attend

the convention in person because she was campaigning with Loebsack in Lee County on Saturday.

"I'm running because I want to be the kind of great representative that Dave Loebsack was," she said. "He put the people of this district first, he fought for things like education, health care, the rights of working people and good wages, good jobs, for Southeast Iowa," Bohannon said in a prerecorded message to attendees.

The convention also served as a forum to discuss party platforms.

John Deeth, data manager with the Johnson County

Democrats, said he would advocate for a presidential primary in the state, rather than a caucus. He used to manage the Johnson County Democrats' caucus and said he recently left that job because he felt like "an enabler" of what he called a poor system.

"We don't have the rooms, we don't have the volunteers, we don't have the people to run it anymore," he said. We're the party of voting rights and it should be easy to vote and the caucuses are not easy to vote. So that's a big fight, because a lot of the leadership with the state party is really, really committed to

keeping first and they think changing to a primary is going to risk that."

The Democratic National Committee recently passed a proposal stripping the four early states, including Iowa, of their special status in the presidential election process. Under the proposal, states will be required to apply to hold their nominating contests before the first Tuesday in March.

Deeth said that, if a primary isn't possible, Democrats need to change the caucus to be more accessible by including an absentee or early voting process.

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Opinions

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Representation is needed on the Community Police Review Board

A community police review board run by members of the Iowa City City Council and consisting of at least one current or former police officer is not set up for change.



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The first step to tangible change in Iowa City policing is not possible with the current Iowa City City Council, mayor, or Community Police Review Board system.

In theory, Community Police Review Boards, or CPRBs, are intended to be representative to ensure voices from all local populations are heard, decisions remain unbiased, and standards agreed upon by the community are equitably enforced.

In 2021, Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague told the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* that police abolition in Iowa City is not something he is willing to consider. A majority of the City Council agrees with this stance.

The exact reasoning behind City Council opposition to abolitionist work as a part of the Iowa City CPRB is unknown. Considering how expansive Iowa City 2020 protests

Open mindedness among City Council members, police officers working in a community, and community members.

Iowa City is not an idyllic haven for progressive thinking in the middle of a conservative state, despite often being presented this way. Especially with current political actors in power, there is no foreseeable way to change this reality.

Based on comments made toward abolition ideology in the last City Council meeting on April 5, it seems the Iowa City CPRB is headed in the direction of police co-optation and performative action.

City Councilor Pauline Taylor voiced concerns that appointing abolitionists to the CPRB would introduce bias to the process, as she imagined it hard to set aside personal feelings. Teague echoed these hesitations.

If the intent is to remove bias from the CPRB, one has to notice that both parties never mentioned any hesitation or objection to the long-standing requirement of appointing former or current peace officers to the board.

Two vacancies on the CPRB were discussed in



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An Iowa City Police car is seen near the Iowa City Police Department in Iowa City on Nov. 1, 2021.

a valuable perspective to the discussions that [the CPRB] has.”

Fruin also explained that the City Council has always tried to have some peace officer or law enforcement representation on the CPRB.

Hearing this, I began to wonder if those serving on the council understand the true meaning of community-oriented policing and the purpose of CPRBs.

Unsurprisingly, the first applicant discussed for the open former or current peace officer position came from a military background. Many council members looked favorably upon this applicant’s background, besides an employment qualification that may make the candidate ineligible.

One has to ask: is the goal to militarize our local law enforcement agencies? In Iowa City, you might say so, considering this recent promotion of adding military experience to the CPRB

and recent battles with the city’s police department over the use of armored ambush vehicles, mainly on residents of color in Johnson County.

For those still believing the “tough on crime” rhetoric that became popular during the Reagan administration, criminologists have proven militarized policing is negative for both the police and the communities they serve.

If building trust and reducing crime are policing goals, militarized policing and other lasting effects of 1930s-80s reform era policing is shown to do neither of these.

In an email I sent to City Council members following their April 5 meeting, I highlighted the history of policing and its relevance to CPRBs: There was a time before police, a time when police were largely corrupt and controlled by politicians, a time when policing was militarized and officers

were taught to be crime fighters, and there is now a time when the main goal of police is to build mutual trust and community relationships.

One must acknowledge that the existence of CPRBs, as well as abolitionist philosophy, are a part of this evolution. To dismiss a section of the community because of a disagreement in ideology is not only biased, but also hinders progress.

Not everyone views CPRBs as positive progressive action. Concerns about citizen misunderstanding of police work, the review process being unfair, and the idea that citizens do not have the right to manage police departments have all been noted across U.S. communities, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Modern abolition is not widely understood for its purpose of outlining a set of steps toward removing punitive goals of the crim-

inal-justice system. As an abolitionist, the goals of abolition fall in line perfectly with a catchphrase police love to use as a show of their good intentions: protect and serve.

Police may be viewed as central to society from one political perspective and a corrupt form of dictatorship on the other. However, CPRBs are not political entities.

No matter on which side of the aisle you feel most comfortable, racialized policing, exaggerated use of force, and other potentially lethal law enforcement tactics have never had a place in the criminal justice system.

If the City Council is actually committed to change and not placating Iowa City residents through shows of ineffective policy and board creation, then it is a public service obligation to immediately include an abolitionist on the CPRB.

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calling for change in policing were, and if representation is the goal, abolitionists deserve a place at the table.

However, representation is often not the reality of CPRBs. Most citizen oversight mechanisms become co-opted by local police departments, and their ability to remain impartial when reviewing complaints is diminished by internal pressure to side with police in all cases.

Another key determinant of CPRB effectiveness:

the April 5 meeting, including one for a position of a “current or former police officer,” as stated by Teague.

Geoff Fruin, Iowa City city manager since 2016, elaborated on the intent of this qualification.

“It is not a hard requirement where one has to be a law enforcement officer,” Fruin said at the meeting. “It’s more of a general recognition that somebody that has either been in the profession or has exposure to the profession can bring

THE DOCTOR IS IN

Seizure first aid: What you need to know

It is important to recognize when someone is having a seizure, and when to call 9-1-1. Read this article to learn more about what you can do if you notice that someone is having a seizure.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one out of 10 people will experience a seizure at some point in their life. That means seizures are common and should not be taken lightly. You may find yourself in a situation where you are helping someone during and/or after experiencing a seizure. This article strives to bring more awareness about how to recognize seizures, as well as how to provide first aid to those in need.

What are seizures?

Seizures occur when too many brain signals are sent in rapid succession.

This can result in changes in behavior, mood, sensation, and state of consciousness. Those who have two or more seizures within 24 hours without an identifiable cause (e.g., recreational drugs, serious infections, etc.) are considered to have epilepsy.

How can I recognize a seizure?

Not all seizures are created equal. There are many types of seizures that have a variety of symptoms and severity. Seizure types vary by where in the brain they begin and how far they spread. Most seizures last from 30 seconds to two minutes.

When seizures spread to larger parts of the brain, the number of signs increases as well. Here are a few key signs of seizures that may relate to worsened seizure activity: confusion, minor shaking of limbs, stiff muscles, fumbling, or chewing motions. Although you may notice the person is having a seizure, they may or may not be aware of this.

What to do if someone has a seizure?

There are a few critical steps that must be taken to keep the person who is having a seizure safe.

- Help person to a safe area if in a

street or where they can be injured.

- Turn person onto their side to help them breathe.
- Put something soft under their head.
- Remove tight clothes around neck or that could be harmful (ties, eyeglasses).
- Time the seizure.

What not to do?

- Do not hold the person down.
- Do not give CPR as they usually start breathing again on their own.
- Do not offer food and water until fully

ly awake.

When to call for help?

Per the CDC, seizures usually do not require emergency medical treatment. However, if you notice any of the following, you should call 911 immediately:

- No prior seizure events, check for a medical bracelet to assess this.
- The person is having trouble breathing or awakening.
- Seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes.
- Having more than one seizure in a row.
- Seizure occurs in water.

- The person has diabetes, heart disease, or are pregnant.

Contrary to popular belief, there is not much you can do as a bystander to stop a seizure once it starts. However, taking these important steps can ensure that you keep the person safe during and after their seizure. For more resources on how you can become trained in seizure recognition and first aid, visit the Epilepsy Foundation’s website to sign up for a free virtual or in-person training.

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Tippie researchers find lack of workplace support causes turnover

Researchers Ean Crawford and Jordan Nielsen studied the trend between more proactive employees and company restrictions, discovering that companies with high regulations struggle to retain proactive employees.

Samantha Bielema
News Reporter

University of Iowa Tippie College of Business researchers curated a study to see the effects of proactivity of employees while managing workplace rules and regulations.



Crawford
assistant professor of management at Purdue University, who joined the researchers at the UI business college.

After completing his doctorate at the UI, Nielsen partnered with Ean Crawford, UI associate professor of management and entrepreneurship. Together, they evaluated

workplace stress and the effects it has on employee burnout and turnover in architecture companies in the Midwest.

“For a while, we’ve known that there are two basic kinds of stressors or demands in jobs,” Nielsen said.

Challenge stressors provide you with the sense that something will be worthwhile, Crawford said.

“Job demands that are known as hindrances are obstacles that get in your way and block your progress,” he said.

Crawford and Nielsen researched architectural companies around the Midwest. During the beginning stages, they teamed up with the Iowa chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and then eventually recruited other chapters, Nielsen said.

Nielsen said the research team looked at Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa for its study.

Crawford said the architecture industry is known for being stressful. Architects work under tight deadlines, conflicting requests from customers and management, and make last-minute changes, he said.

UI Media Relations Specialist Tom Sneer wrote in an Iowa Now article that Crawford and Nielsen surveyed 256 architects about their stress levels at work and asked if workers think their tasks are challenging or just a wasted effort.

The researchers also asked employees to mention if they planned to quit their job, Nielsen said.

“After a few years of

working on this and being in the research process, we decided to go capture whether these people quit their jobs or not,” Nielsen said.

The results showed that some employees had stayed at their firm, and some had turned over, but it was predicted by the proactivity and the hindrance stressors of the job combined.

“Not only were the more proactive people more burnt out, it ended up leading to them leaving the organization, or they were more likely to,” he said.

Nielsen said challenge stressors include demands that provide the opportunity and allow employees to grow, whereas hindrance stressors are issues like red tape, hassles, office conflicts, and politics. The more proactive

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— Ean Crawford, UI associate professor of management and entrepreneurship

employees saw workplace regulations, the less company support they felt, and they would leave the job, Sneer wrote about the researchers’ findings.

Crawford and Nielsen evaluated more proactive people and how they deal with different kinds of stressors.

“There’s an embedded assumption about proactive people that proactive people are the type to persevere, work harder, take more initiative, overcome any odds, and basically that they’ll achieve no matter what,” Crawford said.

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Corps of Engineers combating rising Coralville Lake sediment

New updates to the Coralville Water Control Plan will ensure flooding does not increase in Coralville Lake.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Friends of Coralville Lake will pump water from the lake to decrease flooding caused by its rising sedimentation levels.

Friends of Coralville Lake, a non-profit organization that works to improve and maintain the lake area, is trying to stop increasing levels of sedimentation that are collecting on the lake’s floor. Sedimentation affects wildlife management, conservation storage, and drought management, said Jon Kounkel, president of Friends of Coralville Lake.

“We’ve been working for the last few years on trying to determine how we can help impact the lake itself because there’s really young, the Corps of Engineers who uses it for flood control and drought control,” Kounkel said.

The newest update to the Coralville Water Control plan, which addresses frequent flooding and increased sedimentation, was approved in March and is a collaboration between the U.S. Corps of Engineers and Friends of Coralville Lake. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors will fund the project.

“The lake is tilting at a pretty rapid rate to where, right now, the lake, the Army corps es-

imate it has about 20 to 30 years of life left before the lake is all sorted into about 3 feet deeper,” Kounkel said.

Iowa City Parks and Recreation Director Juli Seydell Johnson said the department is not involved in the plan.

Seydell Johnson said citizens have expressed concern about Coralville Lake’s declining water levels.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers sought out the Friends of Coralville Lake a few years ago, to assist the group with the plan, Kounkel said. The plan was last updated in 2001 and defines how and when water is stored and released.

“We’re a nonprofit that the Army Corps of Engineers helped push to get started probably about six years or so ago, something like that,” Kounkel said.

Coralville Lake is also known as the Coralville Dam, which was built to prevent flood damages and provide water if the Iowa River experiences a drought.

Money distributed by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors last year will fund this year’s projects within the plan.

“The Johnson county Board of Supervisors have provided some funding for us to launch an action plan that we just kicked off in the first quarter and just completed,” Kounkel said.

“In that we’re able to evacuate some of those waters a little earlier, a little faster, which hopefully prevents us from getting into those higher elevations and looking at our spillway discharges quite as frequently. I think that the real benefit is in the flood-damage reduction.

— Dee Goldman, operations project manager for the Army Corps of Engineers at Coralville Lake

The plan was approved after hearing public input and collecting data, said Dee Goldman, operations project manager for the Army Corps of Engineers at Coralville Lake.

“We met with the public, we had three or four public meetings where we gathered information, gathered data, gathered concerns, and then we utilized all of that to formulate what our new plan should look like,” he said.

A main goal of the plan is to ensure that flood damage doesn’t increase on the lake, Goldman said.

“In that we’re able to evacuate some of those waters a little earlier, a little faster, which hopefully prevents us from getting into those higher elevations and looking at our spillway discharges quite as frequently,” he said. “I think that the real benefit is in the flood-damage reduction.”

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The Coralville Reservoir is seen on Oct. 26, 2021.

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EPX Con brings speakers from major game studios

The event, which took place in the Big Ten Theatre at the Iowa Memorial Union, brought UI alumni from coding, filmmaking, and animation backgrounds to advise undergraduates on how to succeed in their fields.

Ariana Lessard
Arts Reporter

On Saturday, about a dozen students sat in the Iowa Memorial Union's Big Ten Theater for the entire day, listening to speakers with University of Iowa ties explain their paths to success in coding, filmmaking, and animation.

The 2022 EPX Con featured nine speakers, including independent filmmaker Timothy David Orme, Pixar Animation Studios Technical Director Chris Burrows, and Jon Hathaway, senior producer at Epic Games.

Orme, who graduated from the UI in 2009, is now an award-winning freelance filmmaker and animator. During his talk, he emphasized the importance of working for free — or pursuing passion projects on the side, regardless of a potential lack of financial gain.

"Every major milestone for me has been driven by a personal project," he said. "Working for free will ultimately lead to higher quality work, more jobs, better jobs, etc."

Orme did not have a linear career and attended graduate school three times, including at the UI's film school. He urged filmmakers to use their spare time to build up a portfolio of passion projects to secure quality job offers.

For those suffering from burnout, an artist's mortal enemy, Orme had advice, too.

"If you burn out, you need to recharge, but that's OK," he explained. "Burnout is like an artistic yawn, you need to sleep, you need to recharge. So do that, and do that guiltlessly."

Next spoke Burrows, who is in charge of stylizing images in Pixar An-

imation Studios, which he discussed during his talk.

He described stylization as the process of selecting and applying an aesthetic to an animated film, as well as many sub-aesthetics. He broke it down into four categories: Design and shape, color and pattern, motion, and rendering.

Burrows explained that he tries to understand why things look the way they do by studying the world around him and noticing its patterns. Whether on a daily basis or on vacation, he takes reference photos of strange patterns in order to tease apart why things look the way they do, and he argues that — once you know how things look the way they do — you can enhance the realism.

"This is a visual media. It is perfectly valid to do

something because it looks cool," Burrows said. "We are not bound by the laws of physics and can break them."

For instance, if he desired to animate glass that could never interact with light in real life the way it appears to in the animation, then he can do so anyways, for the sake of the story and the overall stylistic result, Burrows said.

He is always working, Burrows added, but still finds time to create animated dragons for his neurodivergent son who loves Dungeons and Dragons.

Hathaway became Epic Games' senior producer at age 35. In the past, he's worked at Bungie and Microsoft, and worked on Halo and Destiny 2. He said his job search was kickstarted by being part of the UI's chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery.



Larry Phan/The Daily Iowan
The 2022 EPX Con is shown at the Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City on Saturday.

Hathaway said, looking back on his journey, internships proved very important and that a degree was not enough. He also believes being technical is very important, as people who can code well will be paid substantially more.

Hathaway also expressed a desire for more

of his classes at UI to teach C++, because while he was here he was only able to take an introductory course on it. He stated that C++ has proven to be the language of game development for the engineers at Epic Games.

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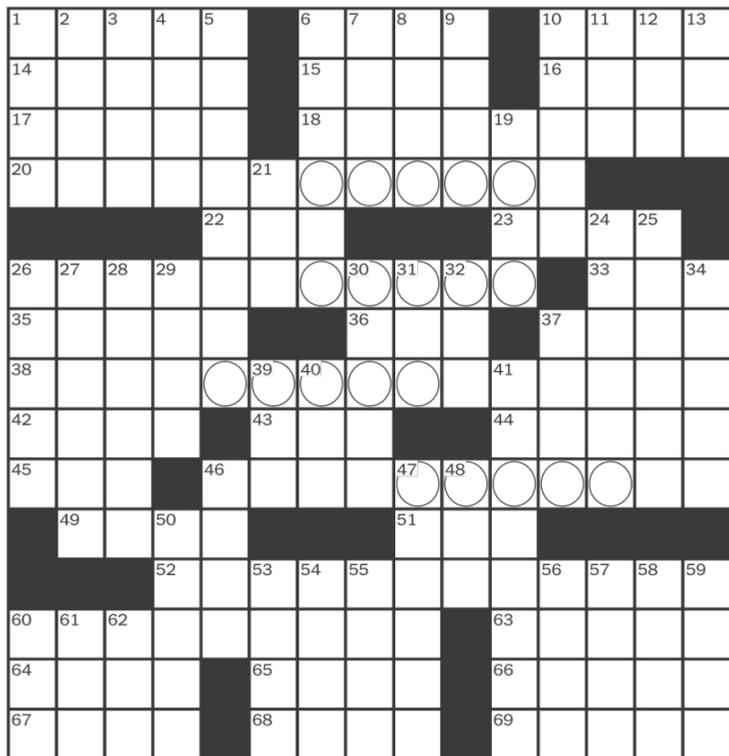


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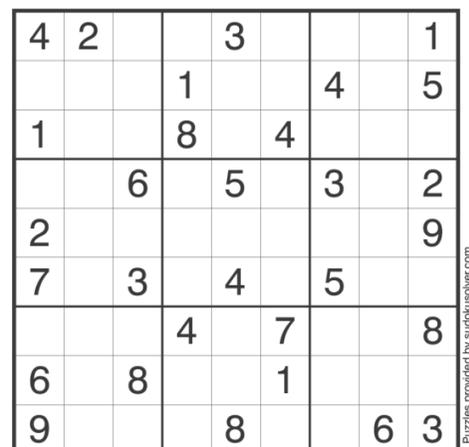
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Iowa quarterback Joe Labas throws the ball in a drill with quarterback Alex Padilla during a spring practice at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.

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dividual improvement," Padilla said. "And that's kind of something that [quarterbacks coach Brian Ferentz] harped upon. We're just improving in areas that we need to work on and we're trying to do that every day."

Individually, Padilla said he is focused on narrowing his vision this offseason.

"The decision making, and eliminating guys that can lead to me seeing too

much," Padilla said. "I just want to close my vision a little bit, limit the amount of options that I have, so I can get the ball out of my hands fast. That's one of the biggest things I wanted to work on this offseason."

Iowa had a slight quarterback competition during the 2021-22 season between Padilla and Petras. Padilla started three games in the back half of the season when Petras started to struggle with accuracy — partly because of a shoulder in-

jury. While Padilla started the Hawkeyes' regular season finale against Nebraska and went 6-of-14 for 73 yards, Petras replaced him after halftime. Petras also started the Big Ten Championship Game and the Citrus Bowl.

Fans speculated following the Citrus Bowl that Padilla would transfer out of the Iowa program to find a starting job at another school. But the health and human physiology major said on Saturday that he never

gave a lot of thought to transferring, and decided a week after the Citrus Bowl that he would return to Iowa for 2022.

"I'm not going to shy away from competition," Padilla said. "I feel like this situation was really good for me and, you know, to come back into a competition. So, I feel like running away from that wouldn't be good for me, to have to go into a whole new place, learn a whole new playbook, especially when I feel like I was making strides last

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—Head coach Kirk Ferentz on QB Joe Labas

season. "It's more than just football," he added. "It's the school that I go to, what I'm studying, stuff like that. So, it really comes down to football at the end of the day, but there's a lot more factors that influence that as well."

Padilla was limited for the beginning of spring practice because of an unspecified injury. Ferentz said Padilla's injury gave Labas, a redshirt freshman, a chance to make strides at the quarterback position. Labas is in his second year in the program after redshirting 2021-22.

Running with the third-team offense and defense, Labas went 5-of-5 on his first scrimmage drive, culminating in an almost 35-yard touchdown pass. Ferentz said that, while Labas is still relatively new to the program, he has a chance to appear on the field in 2022.

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nine wins in a 10-game stretch.

"We found him, he came in, and he was great for us," Heartlanders head coach Gerry Fleming said. "He was a big part of our success in the middle part of the season. So, really, that worked out for everybody."

On March 15, the Crunch resigned Kaczperski to another professional tryout

contract. He participated in one game and surrendered six goals in his second stretch with Syracuse before he was let go again. He joined Iowa for the third time on March 22.

In his third tour with the Heartlanders, he recorded the franchise's first shutout in a 5-0 victory over the Cyclones on March 25, saving 29 shots. When the Heartlanders' 2021-22 campaign ended, he owned a 2.69 goals against average with a .921

save percentage in the ECHL. Kaczperski said he made two tactical changes to his game throughout the season: his footwork and the way he challenges opponents.

In his past two summers, Kaczperski reported to a landscaping or construction job during the offseason. But this year, he's planning on using the offseason to train and work with his hometown goaltending coach, A.J. Walczak.

Where Kaczperski signs next season is unknown, but he does want to pursue the AHL if it works out in his favor.

But if the AHL isn't in the cards?

"I love it here, and I would love to stay," Kaczperski said. "But again, we'll see what happens."

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Iowa goalie Corbin Kaczperski takes off his helmet during a hockey match between Iowa and Wheeling at Xstream Arena in Coralville on April 7. The Nailers defeated the Heartlanders, 6-4

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of the struggles that Padilla had at times last year when protection was good. When things were on time, it seemed like Petras played well. So, I think the team was gonna go as the offensive line goes and pass protection goes this year. I was more impressed last year with Petras as opposed to Padilla when pass protection held up. But at the same time, if the offensive line is still not where they want it to be next year, then I think Padilla actually might be a better option."

In regard to who fans think should start the season at quarterback, 21 deferred to the coaches' decision, five thought Petras should stay at the helm, five thought Padilla should start, three thought Labas should start, and two said "someone other than Petras."

"Whoever allows them to win the most football games is the person that should start at quarterback," Matt Haddy, Iowa alum and head football coach at Clear Creek-Amana High School, said.

"I think whoever coach Ferentz chooses will be the perfect choice," Iowa alum Jenny St. John said.

Wave song

After Thursday's announcement that the UI is

taking requests to replace Pat Green's "Wave on Wave," Hawkeye fans weren't sure which song should be played following the first quarter of Iowa's home games.

Fourteen fans, including Iowa alum Matt Haddy, have no preference on the next song.

"I don't really have a preference," Haddy said. "As long as the meaning stays what it is in terms of waving to the kids and doing something

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— Bob Foster, football ticket holder

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Some fans don't believe music is an essential component of "The Wave." Bob Foster, a Hawkeye football season ticket holder, said "The Wave" still doesn't need audio accompaniment.

"I don't think that's the key, the song is not what it's about," Foster said. "They didn't even need the song at first. The thing is waving to the kids, not what accompanies the wave."

Still, nine fans wanted to keep "Wave on Wave" as the song. Dalles Jacobus, a former

Iowa football player and current budding country artist who watched the Hawkeyes' spring practice from the stands, wrote the song "We Wave" about the tradition. Including Jacobus, seven people voted for "We Wave."

"Use my song," Jacobus said. Other votes included two for "My Hero" by the Foo Fighters, "We Are The World" by USA for Africa, "Rise up" by Sandra Day,

"Good Day Sunshine" by The Beatles, and two for "anything but a country song."

Jake Koepnick, an Iowa alum and football season ticket holder, suggested that the kids in the children's hospital vote for the song on a weekly basis.

"One of the suggestions I saw online was to let the kids vote on it week-to-week," Koepnick said. "It wouldn't necessarily need to be the same song every week. If we're gonna have it be focused on the kids, why not engage them a little bit more?"

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Connor McCaffery to return for sixth season

Iowa men's basketball senior guard Connor McCaffery announced via Twitter on Thursday night that he will return for a sixth season.

McCaffery started for the Hawkeyes from 2019-21, before undergoing two hip surgeries to repair torn labrums following the 2020-21 season. He transitioned to the bench in 2021-22, helping the Hawkeyes to a Big Ten Tournament Championship title.

He averaged 2.5 points and 2.5 assists per game in 2021-22, shooting 34 percent from the 3-point line. McCaffery's return in 2022-23 will fill a hole on the Hawkeye bench.

With McCaffery's return, the Hawkeyes are slated to retain 10 players from the 2021-22 squad. Jordan Bohannon ran out of eligibility after six seasons with the program, Keegan Murray entered the NBA Draft, and Joe Toussaint, Josh Ogundele, and Austin Ash entered the transfer portal.

Sophomore Kris Murray also entered the NBA Draft, but he will not hire an agent and will retain his collegiate eligibility for the option to return to Iowa in 2022-23.

Iowa men's basketball is in the process of filling an assistant coach position after Billy Taylor accepted a head coaching job at Elon. Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said he will most likely promote from within the program.

Kirk Ferentz updates progress on diversity advisory committee

Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz dissolved his diversity advisory committee, one that was formed in response to allegations of racism in the program in 2020, in January.

At the time, Ferentz said that he wanted to evolve the committee into something new.

Following spring practice on Saturday, Ferentz gave an update on assembling a new diversity advisory committee for the football program. He said he's been focusing on the team throughout spring practices.

"Probably next time we get together, I'll have more conclusive thoughts on that," Ferentz told reporters. "This last month has been more on our team. Yeah, I got some ideas. We're getting closer. Probably have that wrapped up here by June."

Ferentz's comments came after seven former Iowa football players amended a discrimination lawsuit against the University of Iowa, adding linebackers coach Seth Wallace as a defendant and accusing Ferentz of retaliation.

In an interview with *The Daily Iowan* on Thursday, UI President Barbara Wilson said she was confident in the football program's changing culture.

"I think football has taken all the issues related to DEI very seriously," Wilson said. "I know coach Ferentz has put into place some changes in football that I think have been good changes. And he's got lots of people around him that are working with him to think holistically about students and about their well-being and about DEI as part of that."

Cornerback Jermari Harris to sit out of season-opener

Ferentz said on Saturday that Hawkeye cornerback Jermari Harris, who was charged with an OWI on April 18, will not participate in Iowa's season-opener against South Dakota State.

According to the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, Harris was pulled over at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Myrtle Avenue for driving without headlights past 2 a.m. on April 19.

Harris' blood alcohol concentration was .096 percent, higher than Iowa's legal limit of .08 percent. Harris "smelled of ingested alcohol" and admitted to an officer that he had been drinking, according to the *Gazette*.

On Saturday, Ferentz said he was not happy with Harris. The football program has a policy for these situations, Ferentz said, with repercussions of sitting out the next game.

"Most importantly I think he feels bad about it," Ferentz said. "Seems to really feel bad about it. If there's a positive, he was able to walk away without hurting another person or himself. That's going to be a hard price to pay. It's unfortunate. Have to remind yourself you have a 100-plus people that sometimes make bad decisions."

Harris is listed as a first-team cornerback on the Hawkeyes' spring depth chart.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"His arms weren't quite as long as somebody wants."

—Kirk Ferentz on former Hawkeye center Tyler Linderbaum's draft stock.

STAT OF THE DAY

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— Tyler Linderbaum's arm length in inches.

Petras leading QB competition

Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz said the two-year starter is the frontrunner in the open, three-way starter race.



Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras throws a ball during a spring practice at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.

Dimia Burrell/The Daily Iowan

Chloe Peterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Iowa football senior quarterback Spencer Petras stood near the south end zone of Kinnick Stadium at the beginning of the Hawkeyes' final spring practice on Saturday morning, throwing consecutive passes to the core wide receiver group.

About 30 yards downfield, Hawkeye quarterbacks Alex Padilla and Joe Labas were splitting reps to Iowa's tight ends and

fullbacks.

Head coach Kirk Ferentz said in February that Petras, Padilla, and Labas would be in an open competition throughout spring practice for the role of the starting playcaller. Fans at Kinnick Stadium for the Hawkeyes' open practice on Saturday saw all three contenders run plays.

"The quarterback play, it's elite at the moment," senior tight end Sam LaPorta said. "I feel really strongly about all the

guys in the room and, you know, I'm excited."

The Hawkeye quarterbacks had 15 practices throughout the spring session to prove their worth for the starting role. Following the final spring practice, Ferentz said Petras, Iowa's two-year starter, is the leader of the competition.

"Overall, yeah," Ferentz said when asked if Petras is the frontrunner. "But we're going to keep an open mind. With our whole football team, we'll

keep competing."

Petras took the vast majority of first-team reps when Iowa scrimmaged on Duke Slater Field Saturday morning. Padilla stepped in for Petras on one snap, completing a handoff before Petras took over again.

Petras overthrew multiple passes as he drove the Hawkeyes downfield, and settled for a field goal on his sole drive of the morning.

Padilla stepped in with the second team Hawkeye

squad after Petras finished on the field. With a quick release, Padilla finished his drive in with the second teamers, finding the north end zone.

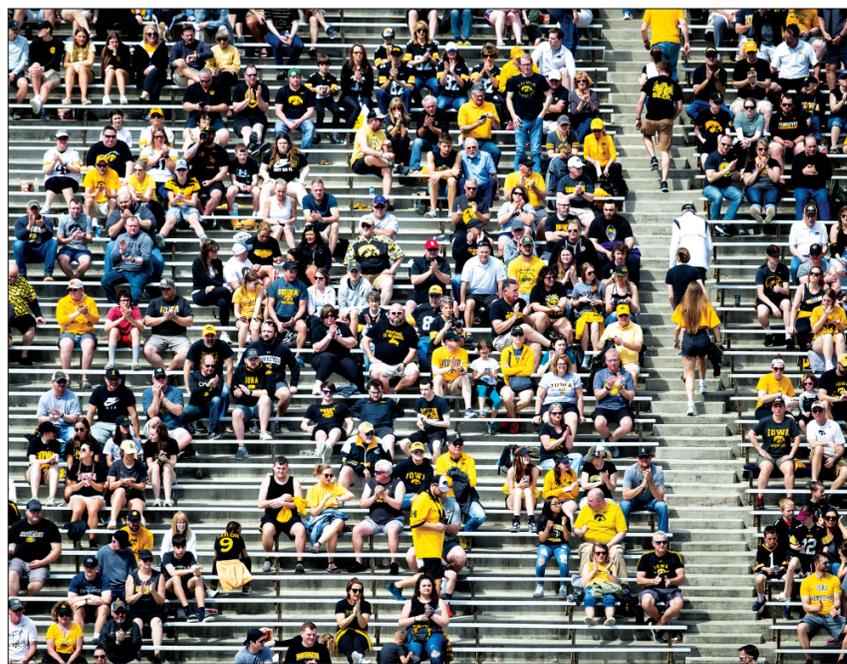
While the junior out of Greenwood Village, Colorado, knows he's a part of a three-way quarterback competition, he's focusing on individual improvement.

"I feel like, for Spencer, Joe, and myself, we're all kind of focused on our in-

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From the stands

Fans attending Iowa football's spring practice weighed in on the quarterback competition and the new Wave song.



Iowa fans applaud during a spring practice at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.

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Chris Werner
Sports Reporter

As Iowa football fans took in the Hawkeyes' open spring practice on Saturday morning at Kinnick Stadium, *Daily Iowan* Sports Reporter Chris Werner took to the stands to ask about the open quarterback competition and which song should accompany 'The Wave' next season.

The University of Iowa announced on Thursday that Pat Green's "Wave on Wave" would no longer be used for the tradition of waving to the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital.

Quarterback competition

Hawkeye quarterback Spencer Petras led Iowa to an unde-

feated record through the first seven games of the season.

After Petras sustained an injury against Wisconsin and the Hawkeyes lost two straight games, Alex Padilla stepped into the starting quarterback role. Padilla led the Hawkeyes to three victories against Northwestern, Minnesota, and Illinois.

Padilla started the Hawkeyes' regular season but did not come out for the second half. Petras, recovered from injury, stepped back into the playcaller role and led Iowa to a comeback victory.

In the Big Ten Championship Game, both Padilla and Petras struggled in Iowa's 42-3 loss to Michigan. Petras played the entire Citrus Bowl to end

the season.

Following the season, head coach Kirk Ferentz said the Hawkeyes will have a wide open quarterback competition between Petras, Padilla, and redshirt freshman Joe Labas.

Of the fans in the stands, 17 thought that Petras will start the season as starting quarterback, while two thought Padilla, and nobody thought Labas. Eighteen fans deferred to the coaches' decision or couldn't pick one.

"It definitely seems like it's going to be Petras," Jon Linder, an Iowa alum, season ticket holder, and former *DI* football reporter said. "And I think I agree with that too, because

Kaczperski's whirlwind season

The Heartlanders goalkeeper bounced around three different professional leagues in 2021-22, landing with Iowa three separate times.

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Sports Reporter

As goaltender Corbin Kaczperski headed into his first professional season, he expected to work in the ECHL, but he didn't know what would happen from there.

Kaczperski went through a whirlwind in the 2021-22 campaign, landing with the Iowa Heartlanders three times.

"It didn't feel real for a bit, I won't lie to you," Kaczperski said of his season. "It was one of those years where just so many cool things happened. I got to experience so much."

The ECHL's Cincinnati Cyclones and Worcester Railers released Kaczperski in the preseason. Then, the left-handed catcher signed with the Vermilion County Bobcats of the Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL) in late October.

In his nine games with the Bobcats, Kaczperski recorded a 5.09 goals against average. He took a short break from the Bobcats in December as he was loaned to the Railers and AHL's Utica Comets, but Kaczperski never competed for either club.

"I honestly wasn't expecting to play in the SPHL, and then when that happened, it was a letdown," Kaczperski said. "Obviously, you want to play at the highest level you can, right? But it was one of those things where, OK, if you want to get out of it, you just got to work."

The Heartlanders added Kaczperski on Dec. 27. In his first stint for Iowa, he saved over 93 percent of the shots he faced throughout 10 games and was the runner-up for January's ECHL Goaltender of the Month honor.

The AHL's Syracuse Crunch picked Kaczperski up on Jan. 25 on a professional tryout contract. Kaczperski competed in three games with the Crunch and won the singular matchup he started, stopping 32 of 33 pucks on Feb. 5 against the Charlotte Checkers.

The Crunch, however, released him, and he returned to Coralville on Feb. 21.

The Michigander won all five games he started during his second stint with the Heartlanders, allowing no more than three goals in each appearance as part of Iowa's

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