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UI students react to former employee's child pornography charges

Sameer Patel was a graduate research assistant in the physics and astronomy department.



Pictured: Sameer Patel

Kate Perez
News Editor

Some University of Iowa students are shocked after a former university employee was sentenced to federal prison after possessing and distributing child pornography.

Sameer Chandulal Patel, 30, of Iowa City, pled guilty

on June 17 to charges of receipt and distribution of child pornography. On Oct. 28, Patel was sentenced to 17.5 years in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release unless he is deported. Patel is originally from India.

The investigation began after a social media application received a cyber tip

indicating child pornography was uploaded to its site, according to a Nov. 1 press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Iowa.

As the investigation progressed, it was revealed that Patel "distributed, received, and possessed over 18,000 images and 14,000 videos containing child

pornography from 2016 to 2021," the release states.

The FBI and the UI Department of Public Safety investigated the case.

According to Patel's LinkedIn account, he formerly served as a graduate research assistant for the UI's Physics and Astronomy Department.

In an email to *The Daily*

Iowan, Hayley Bruce, UI Department of Public Safety assistant director for communication and external relations, wrote that Patel is no longer affiliated with the university.

New technology could have aided the investigation, Bruce wrote.

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'It should be a safe area'

People living near the H-bar think police should do more to prevent violent incidents.

Alejandro Rojas and Colin Votzmeyer
News Reporters

Owners of the Iowa City hookah bar H-Bar claim they have been working to increase the safety and security of the bar in light of two recent shootings outside the bar — one of which resulted in a death.

A shooting outside of H-Bar on Oct. 23 at around 2 a.m. left one dead after being taken to a local hospital. It was the second shooting this year at the bar, which is located at 220 S. Van Buren St.; a woman was shot on Aug. 7 and survived.

After the second shooting, Iowa City officials filed an abatement petition on Oct. 28 seeking to close H-Bar from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. If passed by the Johnson County District Court, the petition will keep H-Bar from operating, as the bar's hours are 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

James Miller, H-Bar co-owner, said he can't police the alley next to H-Bar where the crimes happened because it is public property.

"It needs to be known, and it needs to be made aware that we're doing absolutely everything within our power to secure and keep the people safe within our power range," Miller said. "I cannot keep somebody safe if they leave my business."

The city filed the petition because of the 173 calls made to the police



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The H-Bar is seen in Iowa City on Nov. 3. Iowa City has seen an uptick in police calls related to the bar.

regarding the H-Bar since Jan. 1. The volume of calls is a 4,400 percent increase over calls made to the area between 2016 and 2021, according to an Oct. 28 press release by the City of Iowa City. Iowa City police responded to 23 calls between 2016 and 2021.

Lee Hermiston, Iowa City Police Department public safety information officer, provided *The Daily Iowan*

with a spreadsheet disclosing the number of dispatches made to other bars in the area from Dec. 21, 2021, through Oct. 23, 2022.

- The Summit had 157 dispatches.
- Sports Column had 140 dispatches.
- Brothers Bar & Grill had 124 dispatches.
- The Airliner had 73 dispatches.

- Bardot Iowa had 22 dispatches.
- Elray's Live & Dive had 0 dispatches.

Zoe Yolish, an Iowa City resident who lives near the bar, said she was alarmed by the number of calls made to the bar.

"I think it's more so a quantity of how many times there have been issues there [that] seems alarming. And also, why is it that place

specifically?" Yolish said. "I don't know if other bars are having shootings like that or issues like that. But if it's that one place in particular, it seems like that would be strange, and that should be investigated a little bit more thoroughly."

Katie Sparber, a UI second-year student living near H-Bar, read about the number of calls to the bar and said if there's a consis-

tent issue, the police should do more to address it.

"I do think that it is important that something [should] happen, whether it's more police in the area, or if they do have to shut it down, if that's what they think is necessary," Sparber said. "That whole area is all student housing basically, so it should be a safe area."

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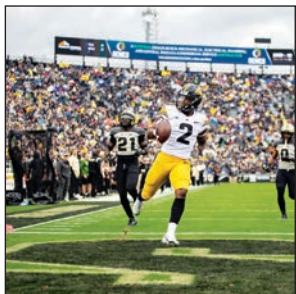
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Iowa political groups, parties bank on voter turnout

As the Nov. 8 election approaches, Democrats and Republicans have worked to mobilize voters through education and information.

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Johnson shines in victory

The true freshman running back ran for 200 yards against Purdue on Saturday — the first to do so since 2015.

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ARPA finances legal help

The UI helped launch the online law library after receiving over \$600,000 in COVID-19 relief funding.



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The Boyd Law Building is seen in Iowa City on Nov. 6. The Boyd Law Building assists with simple legal issues.

Emily Nyberg
News Reporter

The University of Iowa helped launch a website with the State Library of Iowa to provide information about the types of law free of charge. The website, called the People's Law Library of Iowa, was paid for through \$600,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Carissa Vogel, UI Law Library director and professor, created the website with State Library of Iowa librarian Michael Scott. They took inspiration from the People's Law Library Maryland, which was created in the 1990s and is considered the gold standard in online legal resources, Vogel said.

"I think a lot of the perception about the law is that it's very hard to understand because it's very specialized. It can be really, really confusing and alienating," she said. "We want to, at that foundational level, help people along. This is not supposed

to be a substitute for having an attorney. This is information to help people to get to the next step."

The website includes information on three main topics: consumer law, family law, and landlord/tenant law. Vogel said she and Scott plan to cover over 15 areas of law over the next five years.

The website features video explanations of how to use the site and includes language translations like Google Translate.

It also has a quick escape feature, which will open a different tab on the user's device.

Vogel said the feature was designed for people in abusive relationships who may be looking for legal advice and need to leave the site quickly.

After one month of the site being live, the UI Law Library reported an increase in people asking for assistance based on the legal information they got from the website, Vogel said.

She added they are waiting for the three-month

Arts academy to open doors in IC

A new performing arts high school will welcome students to Iowa City.

Sydney Libert
News Reporter

A new performing arts boarding school is opening in downtown Iowa City that will allow young artists from across the country to expand their creative interests.

ICON Arts Academy, located at 123 N. Linn St., will be the first of its kind in Iowa and joins a limited number of similar programs in the Midwest, including Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan and Perpich Arts High School in Minnesota.

Academy founders Leslie Nolte and Beth Brown worked together in 2012 to open Performing Arts Preschool, an early childhood program focused on the arts in Iowa City.

"That was like our baby that really kicked off the idea of the high school 10 years ago," Nolte said.

Nolte, of The James Theater in downtown Iowa City, is also the founder and artistic director of Nolte Academy, a dance school located in Coralville.

Nolte will act as the executive and artistic director of ICON.

The academy will hold auditions in New York City; Iowa City; St. Louis; Austin, Texas; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Des Moines; Omaha, Nebraska; and Denver in January and February. Virtual auditions will be available for students in the musical composition and design and production majors.

While the academy hopes to offer admission to all high school levels, the 2023-24 inaugural class will consist of 150 students from grades 9, 10, and 11.

Brown, an adjunct professor at the University of Iowa College of Education, will serve as ICON's director of curriculum and instruction. Brown has over 30 years of experience designing programming for kids.

ICON will offer students ages 14-19 over 20 hours of intensive arts education each week. Students will select a concentration to pursue from programs such as dance, theater arts, music, design, and production. Apartment-style co-op living with chaper-

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“Recent cases in the news may reflect the fact that more technology has become available to law enforcement to effectively investigate these types of crimes in recent years,” she wrote “For example, the University of Iowa Department of Public Safety is part of the county’s Joint Forensic Analysis Cyber Team (J-FACT), which specializes in examining evidence in cyber crimes.”

After multiple avenues of contact by the *DI*, faculty members in the Physics and Astronomy Department declined to comment on Patel’s charges.

According to Patel’s resume obtained by the *DI*, Patel was a teacher’s assistant for the UI courses

Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe and Astrophysics in August-December 2018.

Aditya Desai, a UI third-year student studying physics and economics, said the news shocked him. While Desai never had Patel as an instructor, he still works closely with faculty in the physics department.

“I was like, ‘What? That’s kind of crazy,’ and then I was kind of disgusted because a disgusting person was in the department,” Desai said. “I know we do tons of outreach in our department, and so that just did not make me feel good because — just in general — outreach is part of academia.”

Patel is the third former UI employee this year to be charged with possessing child pornography, the first being former UI

School of Music professor John Muriello in August and the second being Field House worker Tyler Dean Kadolph in October.

“Numbers-wise, it is a large campus,” Desai said. “I don’t know what the numbers look like across the university/world when it comes to percent of people with child pornography, but I’d imagine it’s pretty low. It’s wild that it’s happening within a year on campus.”

Henry Krain, a UI second-year student, is currently enrolled in physics classes on campus. Krain said he found it troubling that Patel taught young adults who are just entering college.

“I understand most of us are 18 now, technically not classified as children, but we’re all still very young,” Krain said. “A lot of people in college are easily manipulated, so I think it’s

just really concerning that somebody who had child porn teaches this close to people that are a year or two removed from children.”

Krain said while he is upset about the situation, he is not concerned about his safety around any of his teachers because he feels he has good relationships with them.

“I understand that anybody can be anybody behind the scenes. That’s not a surprise to me, it’s just at the end of the day, they are teachers and their job is to teach us,” Krain said. “It’s just not something that’s really crossed my mind in terms to be concerned about. I think that’s why it’s such a dangerous thing because you don’t expect your teacher to be a child porn predator.”

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mark to release any official data on site interaction and community feedback so they can collect more data.

UI Student Legal Services Attorney and Director Amanda Elkins said access to free legal services will be a resource for students. The website will give them a place to direct non-students who call for help.

“The legal system can be difficult to navigate, especially for students, and oftentimes, the other party

in a case — like a landlord — has financial and legal resources, and that’s an imbalance, regardless of the facts of the case,” she said.

Elkins said access to free legal services will help people feel more at ease during their legal process.

“Not having access to services causes stress, affects our mental health, [and] affects our employment,” she said. “These legal issues distract from other important things in people’s lives like family, relationships, and education.”

Eric Goers, City of Iowa

City attorney and member of the Iowa Bar Association Legal Access Committee, said legal access is an overarching goal of the legal system, but that goal is not always met.

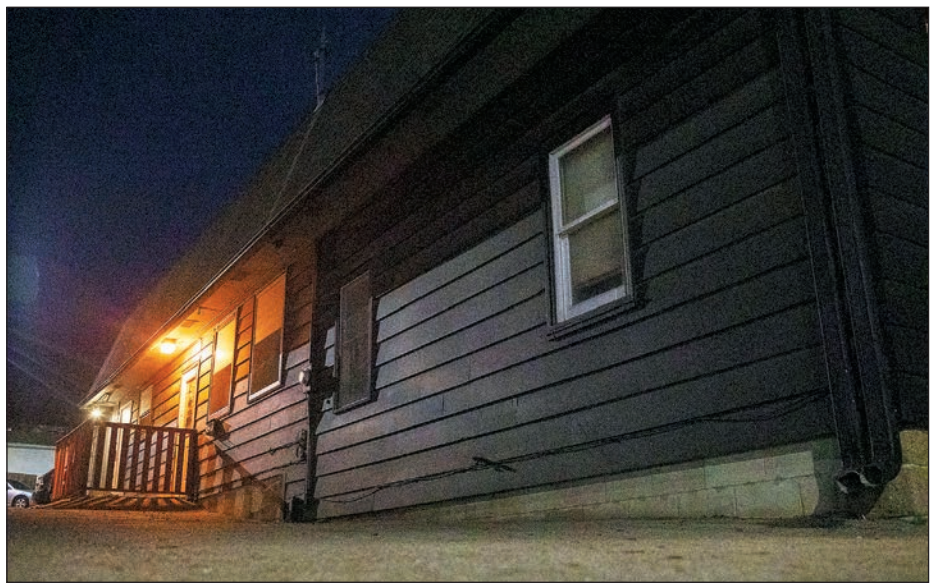
“A long-standing goal in the legal profession is that everyone has access to legal representation and the system works more smoothly,” he said. “We strive to ensure that everyone has that access, and that is not limited to only those who have the means to hire private counsel. The legal system, unfortunately, is not always easy

to navigate.”

Goers said the State Bar Association’s legal access committee is working alongside the People’s Law Library of Iowa to make the law accessible to the public.

“The ramifications of making mistakes or not following proper procedure can be profound,” he said. “Our committee is the legal access committee. It has already set about a subcommittee to work with the State Bar Association to try to ensure the success of that project.”

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H-Bar is seen in Iowa City on Nov. 3. Iowa City police increased patrols in the area after reporting increases in dispatches to the bar.

H-BAR

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I should be able to walk around at night there, but it is the world we live in.”

In its statement for the petition, the city noted the police had increased patrols around H-Bar this year, which has led to several officers working overtime.

Hermiston stated in an email to the *DI* that the Iowa City Police Department will continue to increase its patrols to the H-Bar area, which began over the summer.

“The City of Iowa City and Police Department are still working to calculate the ongoing costs associated with providing additional resources to the H-Bar,”

Hermiston stated. “Due to the pending legal matter concerning this issue, it would not be appropriate to estimate the costs at this time.”

Lee said officers working overtime are paid 1.5 times their hourly wage.

The city said in its statement that it is attempting to work with the owners of H-Bar to address the ongoing issues, but Miller said the police could do more to help, including parking a police car in the alley as a deterrent.

“Park a squad car there, and leave it,” Miller said.

“You don’t even have to manage it, don’t even have to put nobody in it.”

Since the shooting, police arrested two Cedar Rapids men on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 for their involvement in a riot that happened the same night as the homicide.

The riot began inside H-Bar before it was taken outside where one of the men was seen punching and kicking a woman until she was unconscious.

The August shooting and October homicide remain under investigation.

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ones within three blocks of the school will be available to students who are unable to commute from their homes.

Brown said she intends to have interdisciplinary project-based instruction at the academy that will help students learn to communicate their understanding of topics, justify their decisions, collaborate with others, think critically, and reflect on their work.

The project-based learning environment will give students an authentic experience in relation to what it’s like to be a real artist through the guidance of experts, she said.

Brown added that students studying different disciplines will work in smaller groups on projects about twice a week.

“We really want our students to have the oppor-

tunity to build skills that will help them when they go out into an arts field — if that’s what they desire to do — but ends up also building a lot of skills that are critical right now in any type of endeavor that you go out to do in the world after high school,” Brown said.

While ICON will primarily focus its studies on the arts, the academy is partnering with the Iowa City Community School District to give students online access to core academics during the school day. ICON students will be able to connect with learning coaches in the academy’s residence halls and campus for academic support.

Nolte said making sure students have a balanced academic schedule is important.

“We need [students] to get academics,” Nolte said. “But we believe you can get, if you choose all you

need in high school within those core subjects in the fantastic Iowa City public schools, but spend more hours in a day on your craft and what you love and learning in a different manner.”

American roots musician David Zollo of David Zollo & The Body Electric is one of ICON’s audition panelists. Zollo said he is excited to see what the academy will bring to his hometown of Iowa City.

“I think arts education in America has tended to get short shrift,” Zollo said. “If a young person wants to be an artist, that’s something they want to try to pursue as a vocation, there’s not a lot to offer them ... I think having an engaged, interdisciplinary education by and with professional artists and teachers that there’s a lot to be gained.”

Nolte said she hopes that by providing a space to pursue art, the academy can help other people

throughout Iowa City and the world.

“I believe the arts better lives,” Nolte said. “Learning the arts, seeing the arts, participating in the arts — it has bettered my life, and I believe it should be a piece of everybody’s heart and soul.”

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UI study reveals ability of brain circuit to regulate stress

University of Iowa researchers found a link between stress-coping behaviors and the brain.

Sofia Mamakos
News Reporter

Researchers at the University of Iowa recently discovered a new function for a pathway in the brain that decides whether people respond to a threat passively or actively.

In a series of experiments involving rats at the UI, researchers identified how a neural pathway between two brain regions — the prefrontal and brainstem — influences how rats respond to stress.

Jason Radley, UI Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences associate professor and a lead author of the study, said his team has been interested in understanding how the brain responds to stress for years.

“When people are ex-

posed to life stressors, they show what we refer to as coping behavior. Coping can either be active or passive,” Radley said. “Active coping behavior involves dealing with some kind of stress in a way that seeks to make it go away, whereas passive coping behavior usually involves a more avoidant response.”

Radley said people who show more passive coping in response to life challenges tend to be more susceptible to stress-related diseases and psychiatric illnesses as opposed to people who practice active coping behavior.

“People that actively cope tend to show lower levels of stress hormones, lower levels of the fight or flight response, and lower adrenaline levels, whereas people that passively cope

have higher levels of these responses,” Radley said.

Radley and his team used the standpoint of studying rat models to understand human stress responses. The researchers exposed the rats to a stressor, which came in the form of a shock probe, and gave them a choice to cope with it actively or passively.

One experiment involved exposing the rat to a stressor in different conditions.

“The rats buried the shock probe that they had received a shock from when we stimulated this pathway in the brain, promoting an active coping behavior,” Shane Johnson, a former graduate student at the UI and co-author of the study, said.

The researchers then removed the rat’s ability

to actively cope by removing the bedding material from its testing chamber, which prevented them from burying the probe.

“When we did this, the animals switched to a passive coping response, which means that they aren’t actually kind of engaging in active behaviors to mitigate the threat,” Johnson said.

When the team activated the neural pathway, the rats instead responded actively to the stressor.

Radley said the researchers discovered what the circuit can do during these extreme challenges, which is to reverse the coping method of an individual with a passive response.

“When the rats were forced into the more passive coping response, this circuit robustly reversed

all of these effects,” he said.

The researchers also found changes in hormones were linked to each coping mechanism.

“The goal was to link whether or not differences in the capacity of the animal to show active or passive coping responses was somehow linked to changes in hormones,” Victor Viau, a contributing author of the study from the University of British Columbia, said.

Viau said he and his teammates were able to link the association between the animal’s choice of behavior, the circuit involved, and the extent to which the behavior influenced hormonal responses.

Radley said the experiments show the body’s response to stress is adap-

tive and helpful for the individual to deal with daily challenges.

“A common misconception of stress in modern society is that it’s bad,” Radley said. “And yes, clearly, stress can be bad if there’s too much of it. The problem is when we’re exposed to these extreme situations, and the passive response kicks in.”

Overall, the researchers are interested in looking at this pathway’s role and how it overcomes social withdrawal.

“The idea that this may also be involved in social behavior is of interest to us because a lot of what we think about with stress in modern society is not the types of life-threatening events,” Radley said.

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Public Space One receives USA TODAY grant for artists of color

The grant will support the organization’s Center for Afrofuturist Studies.



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Executive Director of Public Space One, John Engelbrecht, poses for a portrait in front of the mural outside Public Space One North on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Virginia Russell
News Reporter

Public Space One in Iowa City received a grant through the USA TODAY Network that will boost new artist diversity in the community.

The \$2,500 grant will support the Center for Afrofuturist Studies, which brings artists of color — specifically Black artists — to Iowa City on a fully-funded residency.

The grant will help fund the program residents’ stipends, lodging and travel, and general support. The center has hosted around 20 resident artists since 2015.

Public Space One has been bringing artist resources to Iowa City since 2002 by hosting workshops and exhibitions for people who are curious about art, Public Space One Executive Director John Engelbrecht said.

“We have studios that we rent out to local artists and also other kinds of nonprofit organizations that are built on community building initiatives,” Engelbrecht said. “This is a program that brings artists of color to Iowa to live or to visit and to make work while they’re here. It’s more unique here than it might be in other places, and thus I think it

has a little bit more potential for opening doors and opening eyes,” he said.

In addition to the Center for Afrofuturist Studies, Public Space One also houses the Oracles of Iowa City.

The Oracles of Iowa City is a mural project that receives funding from the City of Iowa City and the University of Iowa Office of the Vice President and Research. The project is run by the Center for Afrofuturist studies and Public Space One.

Engelbrecht said open-call applications are received for the center, and it is in the process of approving more residents.

“We have a couple that are coming out this year, and then we’re getting ready to choose some more artists to work with,” Engelbrecht said. “I think we had 36 applications, and we have to go through those and see who we can support and how we can get them here in Iowa City to have time for.”

The grant comes from the “A Community Thrives” program, which is a grant program from the USA TODAY Network and Gannett Foundation, according to the Gannett Foundation website.

“It was a pretty simple, a way less complicated sort

of crowdfunding, less complicated than a Kickstarter — that sort of thing,” Engelbrecht said. “This particular grant, they wanted to support initiatives that had community backing, and the way that they prove that is through that kind of crowd-sourced fundraising.”

Dellyssa Edinboro, Center for Afrofuturist Studies education program coordinator, said grant opportunities give more exposure to artists in Iowa City and bring more diversity.

“I think it allows people to see that there’s points of connection that could be made between their cre-

ative work and this place in the Midwest, which a lot of people see as predominantly white because that is the demographic,” Edinboro said.

The Center for Afrofuturist Studies also uses art to talk about important — and sometimes challenging — topics, she said.

“Using art as a point so that discussions about racial justice can occur, so discussions about economic racial inequalities can occur, I think that’s one thing that’s also very much significant about it,” Edinboro said.

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Opinions

Keep campus lawns clean

Outdoor maintenance must adopt new ways to celebrate cherished milestones.



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The Tigerhawk logo is seen in front of the Pentacrest on the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City on Oct. 25.



Yasmina Sahir
Opinions Columnist

The cost of lawn care is killing the planet.

During homecoming week, the University of Iowa maintenance made campus look pristine with clean cut grass and raked leaves.

It is important for the UI to look welcoming and clean for alumni, prospective students, and other visitors during special events like the Homecoming football game. But the UI could do more to sustain a healthy environment on campus.

Climate researchers point to suburban lawn care as a producer of carbon dioxide, one of the leading causes of climate change. Keeping lawns cut short,

free of leaves, and interruptions of other natural processes in our Iowan ecosystem could be raising the global temperature.

On top of this, the use of chemicals to make the grass greener and spray painting on the Pentacrest introduce harmful chemicals not only to the environment, but also to students, staff and community members.

Outside of air and health pollutants, water pollution is of high concern with the widespread use of lawn care chemicals. Iowa's water quality is suffering from factory farming practices, flattening of land to make room for roadways, and housing. In fact, over 99.9 percent of native prairies in Iowa have been altered or removed.

In the future, UI could let lawns be. If the UI really wants to make a positive impact on the climate, they should turn to perennial grass.

Perennial grass is a water efficient species with little

need for fertilization. Replacing all campus lawns with perennial grass could decrease our campus CO2 and methane production.

While historically seen as messy pests, letting leaves rest on lawns is shown to protect the ground during winter months. Leaves release important nutrients into the soil and plants underneath heavy snowfall as they decompose in the winter. Leaves could perhaps replace the need for use of chemical lawn care all together.

Similarly, spray painting introduces toxins into the environment with little to no benefit. Signage on buildings, use of lamp-post banners downtown, and other options to showcase our collective love for Herky the hawk exist if changes are embraced by campus leadership.

In the U.S., common climate rhetoric does not make the climate crisis appear urgent. But, the 2020 derecho, harsher

winters, and Mississippi floodings prove climate action is urgent.

Some people and places use the excuse that being sustainable has become a trend and is expensive.

Poverty needs to be addressed to continue global climate efforts. However, if the UI can afford to contract its head football coach for \$5 million per year, something tells me we can put a little more financial and social backing into keeping our planet alive.

It will take a global effort to sustain our planet for the safety of all humans. As one of the largest producers of global emissions, Americans should feel especially compelled to address climate concerns.

What some may call small annoyances or liberal whining could help save our planet and our species. The climate crisis is more important than any sporting event.

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November Blog: What we're voting for

The Daily Iowan opinions staff on what issues they're taking to the polls.

Luke Krchak
Opinions Contributor



Climate Change

I voted for the first time this year. The most important issue to me is addressing the climate crisis. Other issues are important, but I think they won't matter if we let our climate go. I believe the U.S. should focus on long-term problems rather than focusing on smaller short-term problems.

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The Economy

With the midterm elections coming up, I have been thinking about what matters to me as a voter. As inflation hits businesses and consumer wallets, I believe the government should be most concerned about the economy. Financially, we need to look after ourselves if we want to stay on the right track for the future. Otherwise, the economy will be stagnant at best.

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Reproductive Rights

I am not alone when I say it's a scary time to be a woman. In just the past few months, there have been unprecedented drawbacks to the women's rights movement. Most notably, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* that happened during the summer. That's why, for this midterm election, reproductive rights are at the top of my priorities. I will only be voting for representatives who share my belief that a person's bodily autonomy is their own, and nobody else should be in the decision-making process except them and whoever they chose to include.

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Democracy

The last two years have proved beyond any doubt something that has always been true: We must protect and strengthen democracy. Former President Donald Trump's attempt to overturn the election and the Jan. 6 Capitol attack were terrifying and sobering reminders that democracy is always vulnerable. We must be vigilant in our defense of it. Every day, our lawmakers try to make it more difficult for citizens to vote by opposing the amount of polling places and opposing mail-in voting. I am voting not only to remove the people who compromise our democracy, but to make our elections accessible, fair, and free.

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Gun Control

One of my biggest priorities is my own safety and that of those around me. With that in mind, I will be voting for a candidate who shares my vision of establishing better gun control laws in the nation. Though guns are powerful weapons for self-defense, this does not justify letting everyone have them because guns are dangerous in the wrong hands. I do not feel comfortable knowing that anyone over the age of 21, even without a permit, can purchase a deadly firearm and casually walk around with it in Iowa. For everyone's safety, this needs to change.

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Public Equity

When the Trump Administration became a terrifying reality in 2016, I watched as segments of the country united over propaganda that excludes certain groups from what it means to be an American. This proved the most important issue in any election is ending violent rhetoric and physical brutality against marginalized peoples. I am voting for candidates who say all are welcome.

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Unsure

In this election, what matters to me and gets my vote is hard to discern. Nothing that really matters to me is on the ballot, and I believe no problems are ever going to get solved. I only vote because I have the right to do so, and I prefer to exercise that freedom. It's like going to the dentist; I do it because I'm supposed to, not because I want to.

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THE DOC IS IN

Making it known: eating disorders in men

Eating disorder biases create hardships for men with these disorders when they seek help or treatment.

When people think of someone with an eating disorder, most picture a young woman. However, a study completed in 2007 found that men constitute 25 percent of anorexia and bulimia cases. This number may be much higher, as the stigma surrounding eating disorders in men has led to many being underdiagnosed and undertreated.

Diagnosing eating disorders

Dated clinical studies along with societal and cultural stigmas all contribute to the underdiagnosis and undertreatment of men with disordered eating. Historically, the criteria used for diagnosing and treating eating disorders has been based on female-centered research and clinical presentations. One of the signs previously used for diagnosing was "amenorrhea," or a lack of menstrual cycle/period. Today, the need for more male-inclusive studies is desperately needed. While

research on the subject is mounting, it still has a long way to go.

Eating disorders in men often present in different ways. They may experience a strong drive to gain weight by building muscle rather than losing weight. In cases of bulimia, women usually self-induce vomiting or use laxatives, while men are much more likely to exercise excessively. This can make the eating disorder harder to diagnose, as men — especially athletes — fit our society's definition of healthy and appear fit.

It has also been reported that binge eating in men is associated with less feelings of being out of control and is often triggered by anger. Some other factors that contribute to eating disorders in men include the societal and cultural standards of masculinity, gender role expectations, and social media portrayal of an "ideal" body shape. There are a variety of ways an eating disorder may present in men, but

behaviors specific to male athletes include mealtime isolation, food obsessions, and rigid eating.

Treating an eating disorder

When it comes to treating eating disorders, a whole-person approach should be used. The National Eating Disorders Association recommends a gender-sensitive approach, stating, "Recognition of different needs and dynamics for males is critical in effective treatment. Men and boys in treatment can feel out of place when predominantly surrounded by women, and an all-male treatment environment is recommended — when possible."

While eating disorders are typically more common in women, there are still a significant number of men who are affected. It is critical that men can receive the help they require without fear of ridicule. To ensure this, health care professionals must educate them-

selves about this topic and be able to recognize different ways men may present with an eating disorder to guide people to the appropriate resources. It is a provider's responsibility to put an end to the stigma.

If you are dealing with an eating disorder or recognize that your relationship with food/exercise has been problematic, seeking help is the first step. Please talk with your healthcare provider about what treatment options are right for you.

If you're having suicidal thoughts, please get help. Call 911, or if you want to talk to someone, dial the National Suicide Hotline Number: 1-800-273-8255.

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ETHICS & POLITICS

Iowa political groups, parties bank on voter turnout

As midterm elections loom, Democrats and Republicans work to mobilize voters by educating them.



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A sign indicates a polling location on Election Day at Horace Mann Elementary School in Iowa City on Nov. 2, 2021. This year's election is centered on local city councils and school boards.

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With the knowledge that midterm elections traditionally see lower turnout, Republicans and Democrats are encouraging their respective voters to cast their ballots on or before Nov. 8.

As of Nov. 1, the Secretary of State's office reported that 296,548 Iowans requested an absentee

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Iowans requested an absentee ballot for the 2022 midterm election

whereas

518,363

Iowans requested an absentee ballot for the 2018 midterm election

tee ballot for the upcoming election. At the same time in 2018, 518,363 absentee ballots were requested.

Politicians and voters alike say the turnout rate results from a lack of information about the contested races. Though the election won't decide who controls the White House, the seats on Tuesday's ballot are key to shaping policies at the state and federal levels. Politicians are hoping to combat this turnout trend and drive people to the polls.

Terese Grant, president of the Iowa League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to protecting voter rights, said the midterms are important because the results determine who will represent Iowa in Washington D.C. and who will make state laws in Des

61%

of registered voters turned out at polls in 2018 compared to the 2020 voter turnout of

75%

Moines. These seats don't tend to be a high priority for typical voters, she said.

Grant said the league works to ensure people are educated about the candidates and understand how to vote.

"Once they have all the tools that they need, then it's up to the voter to get themselves there," Grant said.

Grant said the League of Women Voters treats every election with the same importance. Whether it is a midterm election or presidential election, she said the organization's efforts are the same.

In 2018, 61 percent of registered voters turned out at the polls for the midterm election compared to 75 percent in 2020 during the last presidential election.

Additionally, the Iowa Legislature changed the state's election laws in 2021. This GOP-backed bill included provisions that shortened the time to vote early from 29 days to 20 days, forced polls to close an hour earlier, and required that mail-in ballots are in the auditor's office by the time the polls close to start counting.

Grant said the change in laws may mean fewer people can take advantage of voting before Election Day.

"I think some of the restrictions that are in place now do make it a little more difficult," Grant said.

According to the Iowa Capital Dispatch, as of Oct. 25, there have been fewer requests for mail-in ballots across the state but an increase in in-person early voting compared to the past.

Brady Pratt, a University of Iowa political science major, said he always votes in person on Election Day. He said if a voter is able-bodied, they have the civic duty to vote in person.

"I don't even want to say that there's obstacles involved because there really aren't any in the state of Iowa, but I think that people just don't understand the importance of what these races are actually trying to accomplish," Pratt said.

Pratt said the reason people aren't voting isn't because of the lack of access to the polls, but because they are fed up with

the two-party system or a lack of information.

Despite this, Pratt said he expects a record voter turnout this election because of the number of Iowans who don't approve of President Joe Biden's administration and the direction the country is moving.

According to FiveThirtyEight, 53.5 percent of likely voters disapprove of the Biden administration's performance while in office.

At this point in former President Donald Trump's term, he had a 53 percent disapproval rating.

"I think that it's really important to notice and point out that the policies that they're pushing aren't really working right now and to go out and look for different, innovative solutions, and I think that's what it's going to come down to these midterms," Pratt said.

Third-year UI law student Amber Crow said she has voted in every election since 2015, and this year she voted by mail-in ballot.

Crow said voting absentee was best for her because of her busy schedule. She said she wanted to make sure she got it done, and voting absentee can keep voters free from contracting COVID-19.

Voting in this election is important for Iowans, Crow said. Iowans will feel the impacts of policies made by the Legislature, she added — especially in the Statehouse.

While she did vote by mail, Crow said the shorter time for ballots to reach the auditor's office makes her nervous. She said busy households — especially in rural areas — will have a harder time getting their votes counted.

"I think we all want a healthy democratic process," Crow said. "I like to think we all want that, and so to see people putting up barriers in our communities, it's a frustrating thing."

Johnson County Democrats chairperson Ed Cranston said Democrats in the county practiced different mobilization efforts than in past years.

He said they analyzed all 64 precincts individually to see what strategies work best for each area.

In areas with the most active Democrats, the

party's goal was to make sure the voters turn out for the elec-



tion, Cranston said. But in precincts with a lot of active Republicans, they work on persuasive messaging.

Early in the campaign season, Cranston said the party works on persuasion. When the election gets closer, the local party's biggest concern is that people show up to the polls.

Cranston said it's easy for a voter to know about upcoming presidential elections because those candidates come through the first-in-the-nation caucus state, and there is a lot of media coverage.

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— Johnson County Democrats Chair Ed Cranston

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The race for Iowa's 2nd District had a margin of six votes, which Cranston said is a good indicator that Iowa could have two Democratic seats out of the four House delegates.

"From the beginning, we've viewed that it's really our responsibility to

make sure that we get those votes out and we don't miss it by six votes like what happened last time," Cranston said. Democrat Rita Hart of Clinton narrowly lost to Republican Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks of Ottumwa in the southeastern region of Iowa, which has since been re-districted.

Johnson County Republicans chairperson Karen Fesler agreed Iowa can't be considered a dark red state yet. She said others have considered Iowa City "a blueberry in a bowl of tomato soup,"

but there are enough Democratic strongholds in the state to contradict that.

"I think when you look at the number of people that aren't really committed to either party, there's a lot of people who are no-party voters," Fesler said. "And they are always the people who make up the election. They are the

ones who decide the elections."

The Iowa Secretary of State's office reported

that

585,585 — or 31 percent —

of the state's 1,867,161 registered active voters are declared no-party or independent. In Johnson County alone, independents make up 30 percent of registered active voters, with 26,997 registrations out of 90,975.

Fesler predicts more Iowans will show up to the polls this year because they are unhappy with current political conditions.

"The president is still going to be there. He's not going anywhere, at least for two years," Fesler said. "But a change in Congress keeps him from passing some of the agenda items that he has."

Fesler said the Republican Party is confident about flipping control of the U.S. House or Senate and picking up new Republican governors in states without Republican incumbents. She said Iowa's Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds has shown responsible politics that other states are looking up to. Reynolds faces Democratic challenger Deidre DeJear in the midterms.

"Republicans are also being very cautiously optimistic that they don't get overconfident, and they don't become complacent, and they get out and vote," Fesler said.

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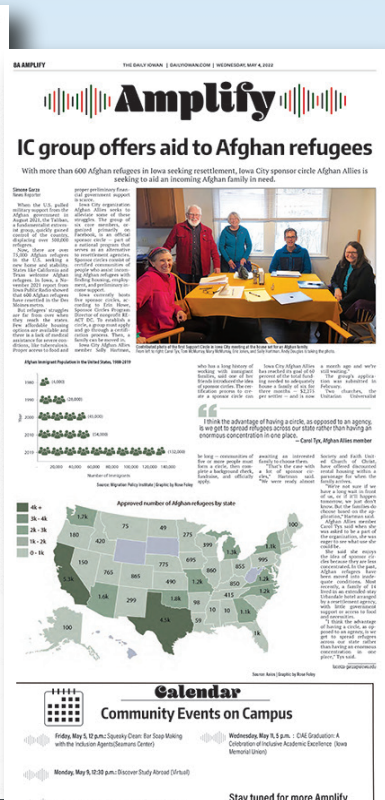
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Jamie Boling shapes atmospheres through art

Artist and entrepreneurial designer Jamie Boling produces both client-based and studio artwork.

Stella Shipman
Arts Reporter

A vibrant, eye-catching mural of a large boombox appeared in the Iowa City Pedestrian Mall on Film-Scene's wall next to the Brothers Bar & Grill patio last month.

The mural was painted by artist and designer Jamie Boling, who studied fine and studio art as an undergraduate at Iowa State University before transferring to the University of Nebraska to study printmaking and earn his Bachelor of Fine Arts.

At the University of Iowa, Boling received his Master of Fine Arts and studied abroad in France as a research fellow.

Boling has lived and worked in Paris, Berlin, and New York. Now, his studio is in Arizona. He has taught art classes at several institutions, including the UI, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Kirkwood University.

As an artist and designer, Boling creates studio art to be displayed in galleries and client-informed art made for a specific space.

Boling began to pursue client-based work in the last 10-12 years. This means he tailors his pieces to the interests of his clients, so the art he produces creates an atmosphere for the client's space.

One such client-tailored piece is the "Full Blast" boombox mural located on the Ped Mall. The Iowa City Mural Program reached out to Boling specifically for the project.

"Full Blast" is not the first project Boling has completed for Iowa City. He also designed murals for the Pullman Bar & Diner and St. Burch Tavern in downtown Iowa City. In each case, his art has shaped the atmosphere of the spaces they occupy.

"What I like to do is create work that tells a story in some way — and I don't necessarily mean a narrative story — but work that

informs a space through narrative connections in an effort to activate that environment and create a vibe," Boling said.

Boling said he enjoys client-based work because it can be displayed for a longer time, allowing it to reach a wider audience. The artwork in a space also sparks a conversation with other elements of the building's architecture, Boling said.

The "Full Blast" mural stands out to Boling because it is currently one of his most publicly accessible pieces in its location along the Ped Mall. This accessibility allows him to engage with it as a viewer instead of as an artist. Enjoying his art as an image after it has been finished has been a high point for Boling.

Along with client-based design work, Boling continues to pursue studio work based on his own interests and inspirations.

Boling's studio work captures photographed moments through the physical medium of a painting, he said.

When he looks for images to paint, he said he examines "what their relationship is with certain archetypes of historical things." A powerful image is a representation of an inherent human experience.

Boling prefers to produce large-scale paintings because they are more physically engaging. The corporeal relationship between the art and the viewer shifts, causing viewers to pay more attention to the image and more deeply appreciate it.

"The images that I choose are ones that I think are poignant, sometimes provocative, but oftentimes they're images that simply present themselves questions — questions like, 'What are we doing, and why are we fascinated by certain things as a culture?'" Boling said.

Hearing the different



Contributed Photo from Jamie Boling

interpretations of his pieces when they finally hang in a gallery is rewarding, Boling said. His paintings often capture images that ask questions and inspire viewers to discuss the pieces.

As a professor, he also engages with students by teaching through questions and encourages his students to learn the same way.

"If you can demystify processes as a professor, then you can give people the tools to not only learn new skills but also to begin to teach themselves," Boling said.

As a business-oriented artist in design, Boling taught himself entrepreneurship through trial and error. He learned important skills like understanding and commu-

nicating the historical contexts of artwork and essential lessons of traditional painting.

Boling learned his way around business by building upon skills he already possessed from working in fields like carpentry and architecture. He said this experience, however, is not shared by every artist who goes into the world and has to survive

in their chosen career. But persistence is key, he added.

"The people that I see and interact with who have been successful in finding a way in the world making art are the ones who remain patient and remain persistent," Boling said. "You have to keep pushing forward."

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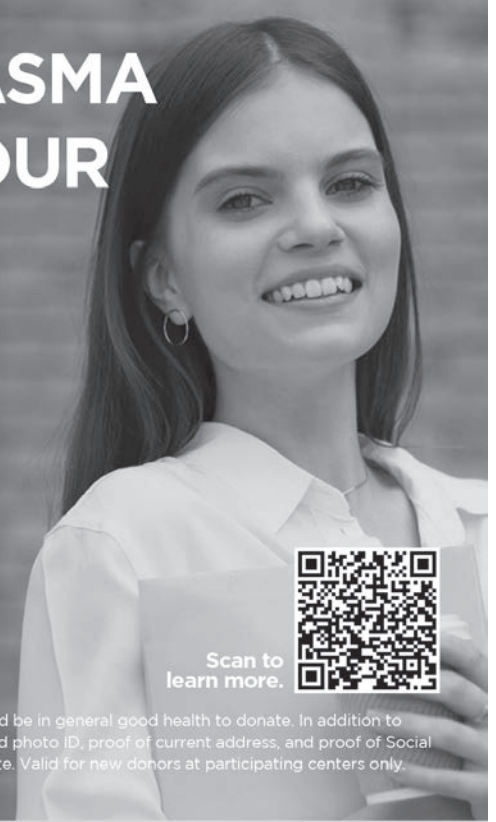
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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Grades

Offense — **B+**

Iowa put together its most complete offensive performance of the year against Purdue. The Hawkeyes gained 376 yards on 58 offensive plays.

Running back Kaleb Johnson racked up a career-high 200 yards on 22 carries. The true freshman picked up 75 yards on one touchdown run during the third quarter.

Johnson ran 10 yards untouched between the hashes, then broke toward the west sideline on his way to the end zone. The 75-yard TD came on the Hawkeyes' second play from scrimmage in the third quarter.

Senior quarterback Spencer Petras threw for 192 yards. He went 13-of-23 on the game, racking up two touchdowns.

Tight end Sam LaPorta and wide receiver Nico Ragaini scored their first TDs of the season in the second quarter. Petras hit LaPorta for a 16-yard touchdown with 14:23 remaining in the first half. Then, on the ensuing drive, Petras found Ragaini for a 29-yard, catch-and-run touchdown.

The Hawkeyes entered their contest with the Boilermakers ranked 129th in the nation in total offense, averaging 248.6 yards per game.

In its last two contests, Iowa has scored 57 points and gained 774 yards. In their first seven games of the season, the Hawkeyes accumulated 98 points.

The Boilermakers were ranked 42nd in the nation in total defense through their first eight games, limiting their opponents to 352.8 yards per game.

Iowa didn't have a perfect offensive performance. It played a little conservatively in the second half, but it still did enough to win the game.

Defense — **A+**

Iowa's defense has struggled against Purdue in recent years. Excluding Saturday's game, the Hawkeyes have allowed 130 points to Boilermakers in their last five contests.

The Boilermakers averaged 309.8 passing and 402.4 total yards against Iowa during that stretch. From 2017-21, Purdue had at least one receiver with 125 yards in each of its games with Iowa.

The Hawkeyes bucked all of those trends this year. Purdue's leading receiver was senior Charlie Jones, who caught 11 passes for 104 yards.

Iowa held Purdue to 255 yards of total offense — 168 passing and 87 rushing. Boilermaker quarterback Aidan O'Connell, who was responsible for all of Purdue's passing yards, went 20-of-43 with two interceptions.

Iowa also limited Purdue to just three points. The Boilermakers averaged 26 points in their previous five games against the Hawkeyes.

Iowa's defense deserves a perfect grade this week because it finally seems to have figured out how to stop a Purdue offense that has plagued it for years.

Special teams — **A-**

Iowa's special teams unit deserves the benefit of the doubt this week. Yes, true freshman placekicker Drew Stevens missed a 44-yard field goal and four of junior Tory Taylor's eight punts went for touchbacks.

But both Taylor and Stevens were contending with 25 mph winds and gusts of up to 50 mph throughout their contest with the Boilermakers. Despite the adverse conditions, Taylor still downed two punts inside the Purdue 20-yard line. He also averaged 51.8 yards per boot and registered a career-long 70-yard kick.

Stevens finished his day 1-of-2 on field goal attempts, converting one from 26 yards out. His 44-yarder hit the north end zone goal's left upright.

Stevens also went 3-for-3 on extra points attempts.

Given the conditions it faced, the Iowa special team unit's grade shouldn't drop because a missed 44-yard field goal and a few touchbacks.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Today we were on opposite sidelines. I'll leave it at that."

— Iowa TE Sam LaPorta on facing WR Charlie Jones.

STAT OF THE DAY

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— Field goals made by Iowa placekicker Drew Stevens this season.



Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan
Iowa running back Kaleb Johnson (2) carries the ball down the sideline during a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind., on Nov. 5. The Hawkeyes defeated the Boilermakers, 24-3.

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the same sense of responsibility.

"Every week I feel like I'm responsible," Johnson said. "To me, it's like me getting better every day, using the hose and taking advantage of it and helping the team out by getting yards and setting the tone. I just feel like that's my responsibility every week."

Sophomore Gavin Wil-

liams, who was Iowa's No. 1 running back following spring practice, injured his ankle in the preseason. Since then, he's been limited in practice and games. He didn't record any statistics against Purdue on Saturday and has only accumulated 106 rushing yards this season.

Leshon Williams, the second-string running back, has also seen limited action. He's registered 312 yards in eight games,

including 2 yards on one attempt against Purdue. Head coach Kirk Ferentz said his running back room has been impacted by injuries this week, but he didn't specify if Leshon Williams is injured.

"We were a little bit depleted over the course of the week, but Kaleb was not [injured], fortunately," Kirk Ferentz said. "I'm just happy for him, and as I've said all along, he's a great young guy. He's got a great per-

sonality, great to work with, great attitude.

"He's still figuring it out as a back, but he's doing pretty good today for not knowing what he's doing sometimes. But a lot of positive things and really excited about him and his future,"

Johnson is just nine games into his college football career, but he doesn't carry himself as a freshman on the field, safety Kaevon Merriweather said.

Off the field, however, is a different story.

"For a freshman, [his confidence] is incredible," Merriweather said. "To have the confidence, especially as a running back, to go in there and play Big Ten football ... sometimes [you forget he's a freshman] until you get off the field and start talking to him, then you're like, 'Yeah, you're a freshman.'"

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Kaleb Johnson has gained 293 yards on the ground in his last two games.

Johnson has also emerged as the Hawkeyes' top option at running back. In weeks 9 and 10, he carried the ball 21 more times than sophomores Gavin Williams and Leshon Williams combined. Johnson has outgained the pair by 250 yards over the past two weeks.

"I wish I could tell you it was an easy answer," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said of the source of Iowa's recent offensive improvement. "We're not out of the woods. Let me just go on record saying that. You keep looking at things, talking about things. We're doing it all week long, not just on Saturdays or Sundays."

It remains to be seen if Colby's move to left guard will cure Iowa's offensive woes for the rest of the year. But if the Hawkeyes can sustain the level of production they've found recently, they'll be tough to beat in their remaining three games.

With pedestrian offensive support, Iowa's defense can help the Hawkeyes get back into Big Ten West title contention. The Hawkeye defense ranks inside the top 10 in the nation in total and scoring defense.

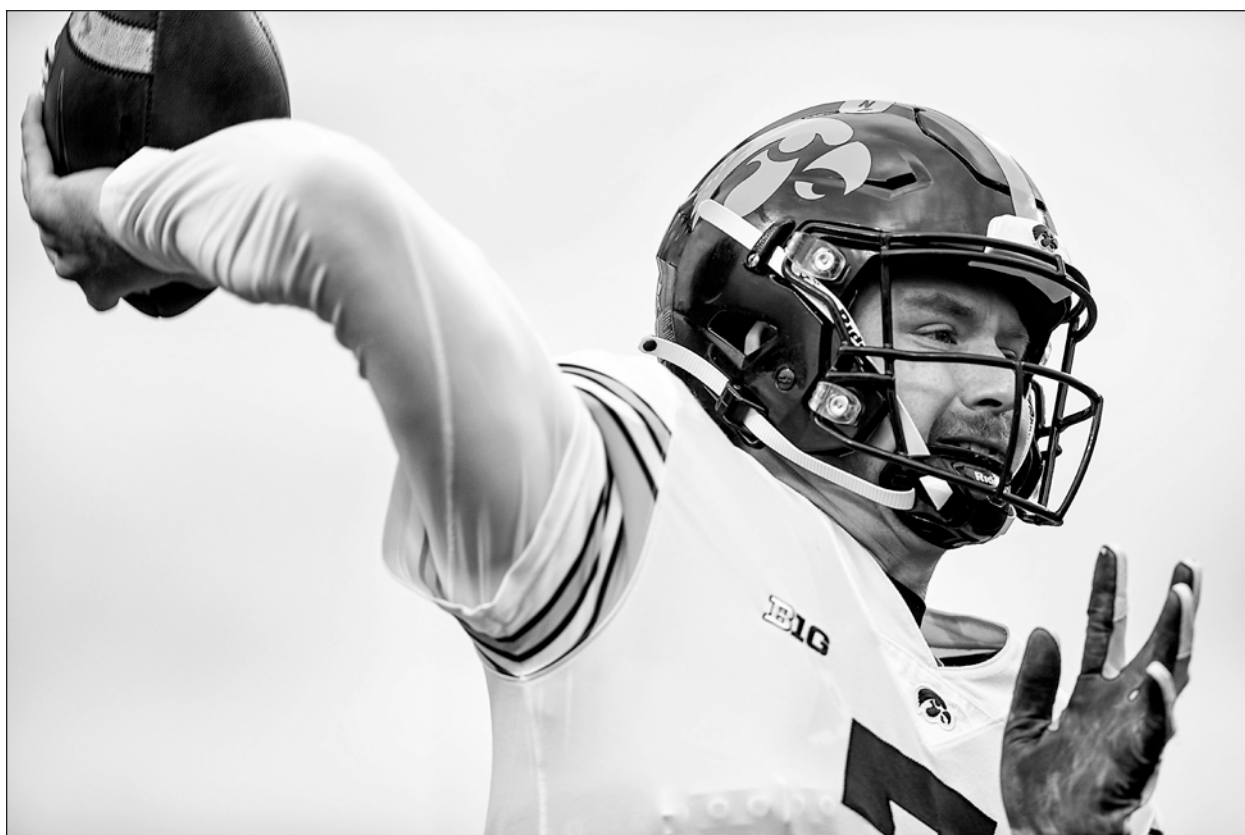
Iowa is currently situated in a four-way tie for second place in the West with Purdue, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The Hawkeyes now hold a head-to-head tiebreaker over the Boilermakers in the West standings.

Iowa will play Wisconsin next week at Kinnick Stadium. The week after that, it'll play Minnesota at Huntington Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Nov. 19. If Iowa takes down both border teams and caps its season with a win over Nebraska on Black Friday, a path to the Big Ten Championship Game in Indianapolis would take shape.

First-place Illinois was upset by Michigan State Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Champaign. The No. 16 Fighting Illini were near-18-point betting favorites against the Spartans.

Iowa is just one game back of Illinois in the West, but the Illini hold a tiebreaker over the Hawkeyes. Illinois beat Iowa, 9-6, on Oct. 8.

Illinois has matchups with Purdue, Michigan,



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan
Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras warms up during a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind., on Nov. 5. The Hawkeyes defeated the Boilermakers, 24-3.

and Northwestern left on its schedule. If the Hawkeyes win out and the Illini lose two of their last three games, Iowa will win the West.

Granted, winning the West would likely just lead to a rematch with No. 2 Ohio State or No. 5 Michigan. But as recently as last week, it seemed like the Hawkeyes would be fighting for bowl eligibility. Now, they're a win away from a guaranteed postseason berth.

"We talk all the time about not listening to the noise, that what matters is our preparation and continuing to work and to push things through," Petras said. "I think this is proof of it ... You guys had us dead two weeks ago. We couldn't do anything right."

"That's not what football is," Petras added. "Football is a week-to-week game. If you keep working, and if you do things right and work hard, then good results happen. The last two weeks have been proof of that."

Iowa suffered its first loss of the season to Iowa State, 10-7, on Sept. 10. Since then, the Hawkeyes have been stressing that Ferentz-coached teams always get better as the season progresses. It appears the Hawkeyes may confirm that notion by the end of their 2022 campaign.

Obviously, Iowa still has to play its last three games, and I'm not ready to declare the Hawkeyes are back from the dead. But

the Hawkeyes seemingly have the chance to change their fortunes and reshape their 2022 narrative.

"I think we're maturing a little bit," Ferentz said. "We were pretty good on defense early and did some really good things on special teams

early. Our problems are well-documented. More than well-rehashed, probably. Our only choice was to keep working, as I've been saying each and every Saturday and every Tuesday.

"There was no way to predict these last two

weeks would come out the way they did, but they did," Ferentz added. "That's the result of our guys staying focused, and working on the right things, and believing in each other, too."

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Hawkeyes blow away Boilermakers

Battling windy conditions, Iowa prevailed in a 24-3 win over Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium.



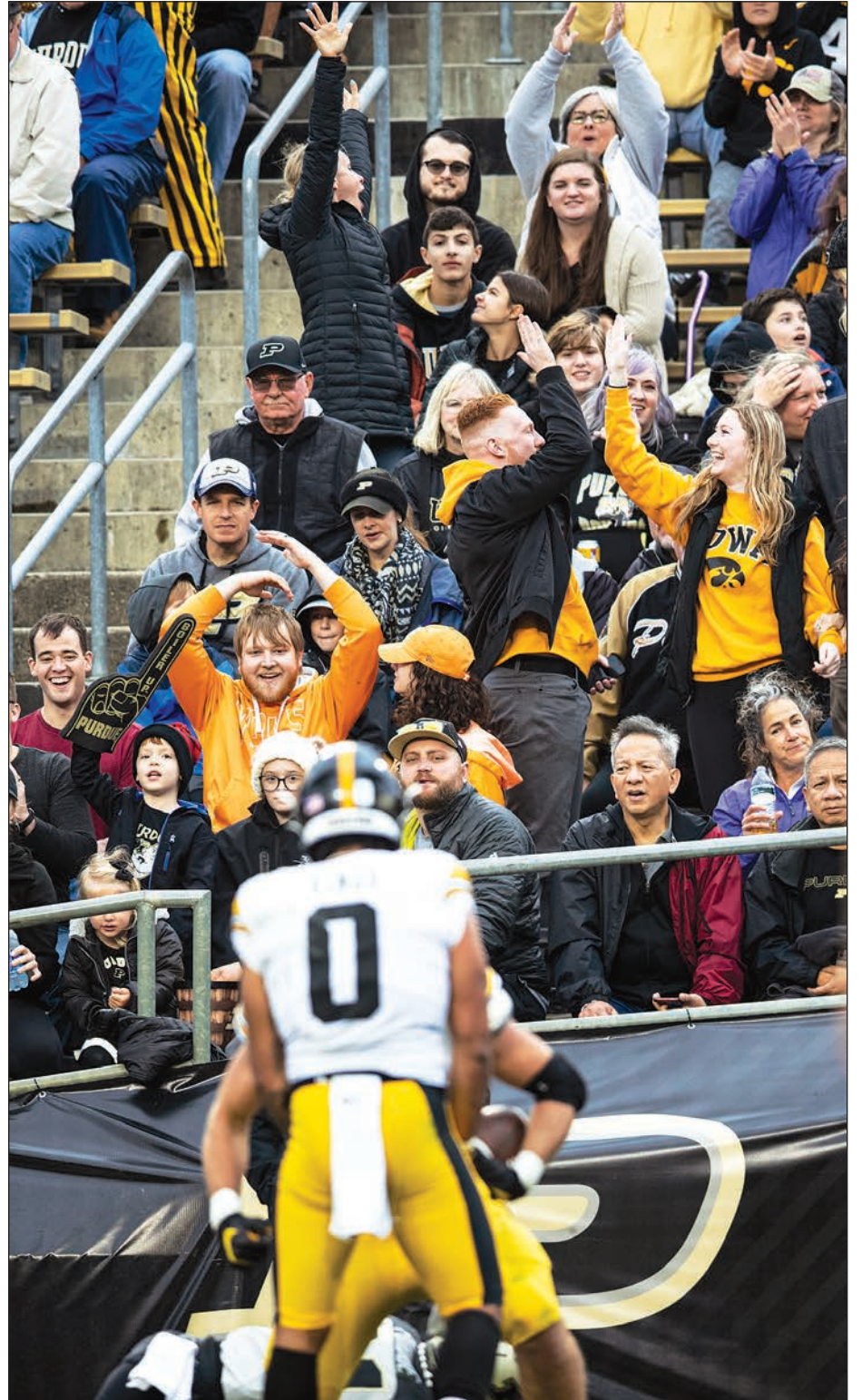
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Iowa defensive back Riley Moss walks off the bus holding a cup of coffee before a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind., on Nov. 5. The Hawkeyes defeated the Boilermakers, 24-3.



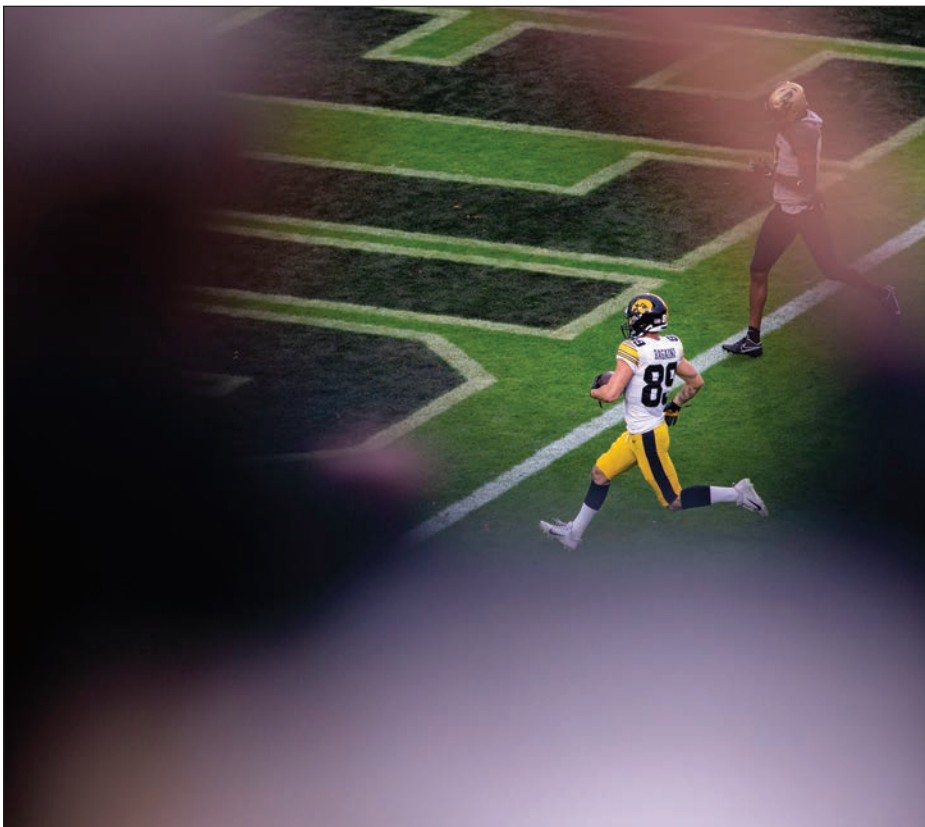
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Members of the Purdue marching band perform before a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind.



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Iowa Hawkeyes tight end Sam LaPorta (84) carries the ball into the end zone for a touchdown during a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind.



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Iowa defensive back Riley Moss (33) embraces Purdue wide receiver Charlie Jones (15) after a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan
Iowa wide receiver Nico Ragaini (89) scores a touchdown during a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind.



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Iowa defensive back Riley Moss (33) embraces Purdue wide receiver Charlie Jones (15) after a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind. Jones, a former wide receiver for the Hawkeyes who transferred in the spring, caught 11 passes for 104 yards in the loss to his former team. After the game, Moss spoke about playing Jones: "We lined up against each other, but we'll be friends for life."

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Johnson shines in victory

The true freshman tailback is the first player to rush for 200 yards in a single game since 2015.



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Iowa running back Kaleb Johnson (2) scores a touchdown during a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind., on Nov. 5. The Hawkeyes defeated the Boilermakers, 24-3.

Chloe Peterson
Sports Editor

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — All Kaleb Johnson saw on Saturday was green grass.

The true freshman running back exploded from the line of scrimmage on the second play of the second half against Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium, going nearly untouched for 75 yards and a touchdown. His score helped the Hawkeyes seal a 24-3 win over the Boilermakers.

"I just saw my line blocking, and then I saw green

grass," Johnson said. "I saw it, and I just went. It was all green grass for me, and I took advantage of it."

Johnson's 75-yard touchdown run was the longest by a Hawkeye since Tyler Goodson registered an 80-yard rush against Wisconsin in 2020.

The touchdown helped punctuate a career game for Johnson. The Hamilton, Ohio, product gained a career-high 200 yards on 22 carries, becoming the first Hawkeye since Akrum Wadley in 2015 to do so in a single game.

Johnson is also the first Iowa freshman to have two 100-yard rushing games in one season.

"He's got the size and speed; we all kind of knew that," quarterback Spencer Petras said of Johnson. "I think the challenge [offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz] had for him after last game was just finishing every run. He doesn't necessarily know how strong he is sometimes, I think. What I really loved is seeing him finishing all his runs today."

"I think, as his confidence continues to grow, he'll con-

tinue to run through tackles as opposed to assuming the run is over, which I think might've happened on a couple runs last week."

Along with pushes from his offensive coordinator, Johnson said running backs coach Ladell Betts has been encouraging him to break through tackles in practice.

Johnson averaged 7.2 yards per attempt against Northwestern on Oct. 29. After a week of practice, he averaged 9.1 yards per carry against Purdue.

"[Betts] tells me before practice all the time, 'Al-

ways finish runs,'" Johnson said. "Every time I leave the hole, it's always been some bag that he has hit us with in assignments to finish. So, I feel like that's made a big difference."

Johnson didn't expect to have this much production early in his Hawkeye career. The 19-year-old decommitted from California in 2021 to come to Iowa following the then-No. 3 Hawkeyes' 23-20 victory over the then-No. 2 Penn State Nittany Lions.

"It was just the atmosphere," Johnson said of

what brought him to Iowa. "It already felt like home. They made me feel at home. I felt really happy and really surprised with how Iowa made me feel ... I felt like I could play here, and I ran with it."

Though he's listed as the third-string running back on Iowa's weekly depth charts, Johnson leads the Hawkeyes with 563 rushing yards this season.

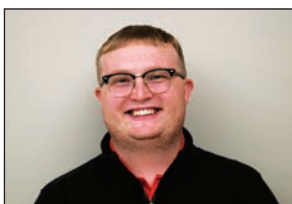
No matter if he's starting or watching from the sidelines, however, Johnson has

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Don't count Iowa football out yet

The Hawkeyes can redefine their season with a strong showing in November.



Austin Hanson
Pregame Editor

Iowa football appears to be getting hot at just the right time. The Hawkeyes have won their last two games in convincing fashion and shown marked improvement on offense.

The Hawkeyes scored 57 combined points in their 33-13 and 24-3 wins over the Northwestern Wildcats and Purdue Boilermakers, respectively, in the past two weeks. In its previous seven games, Iowa scored 98 total points and averaged 248.6 yards per contest. The Hawkeyes put 398 and 376 yards up against the Wildcats and Boilermakers, respectively.

Northwestern and Purdue's defenses ranked 94th and 42nd in the nation, respectively, ahead of Week 10 of the college football season. I wasn't sold on Iowa's offensive improvement after it beat Northwestern. But the 24 points the Hawkeyes put up against the Boilermakers are nothing to sneeze at — especially considering Iowa has ranked last in the 131-team FBS in total offense for much of



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Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz watches action during a football game between Iowa and Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind., on Nov. 5. The Hawkeyes defeated the Boilermakers, 24-3.

the season.

It's difficult to determine what the difference-maker has been for Iowa's offense over the last two weeks. The Hawkeyes moved soph-

omore Connor Colby from right tackle to left guard against Northwestern, bringing senior Jack Plumb into the starting lineup at RT. The change pushed junior Nick De-

long to the second-team offensive line.

Iowa gave up 23 sacks in its first seven games. The Hawkeyes have surrendered four since then. The improved

pass protection allowed Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras to throw for a combined 412 yards and three touchdowns against Northwestern and Purdue.

Offensive line changes probably haven't been the source of Iowa's recent renaissance. Though, true freshman running back

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