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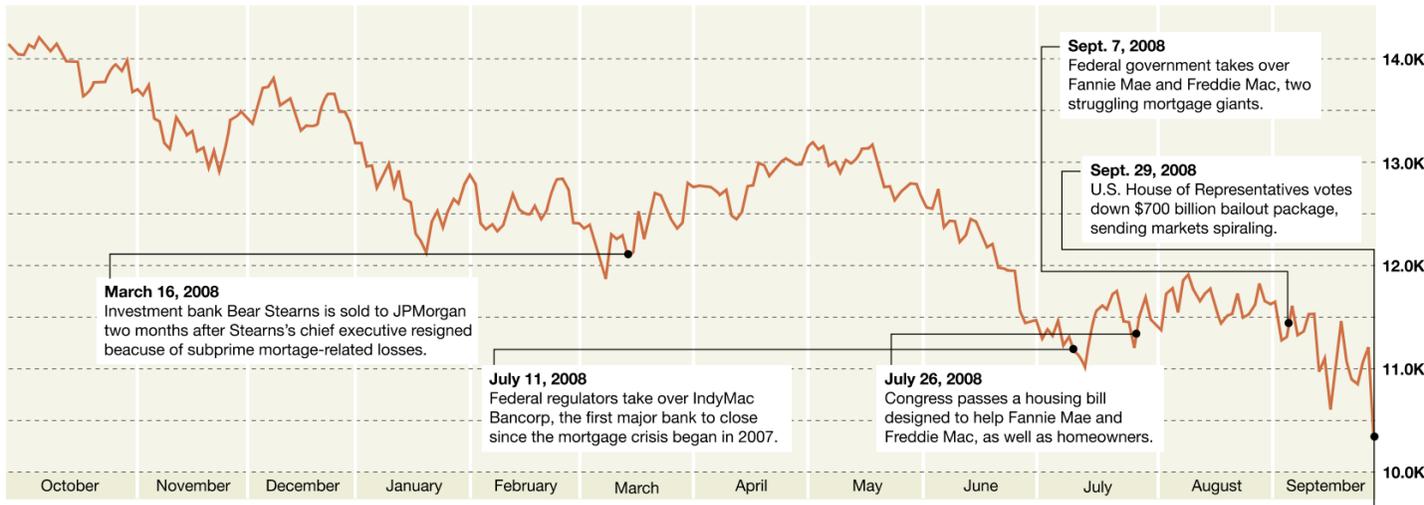


☒ Thomas Latham (R)

Understanding the stock market crisis

Following the House's rejection of a \$700 billion financial-bailout plan designed to shore up the economy, Monday's stock market saw the worst single-day point drop ever. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped almost 7 percent, falling around 778 points. UI economics Professor George Neumann said the root cause of the current crisis is related to subprime mortgages. Neumann said, despite warnings, Congress pushed for easier credit for home owning. When housing prices fell, banks had too much money in loans and not enough in assets. "It could live as long as housing prices were steadily rising, but as soon as they faltered, you were heading towards calamity," Neumann said.

Dow Jones industrial average October 2007 to September 2008



Monday's House rejection of \$700 billion bailout — which Dave Loebsock supported — elicits mixed reactions.

By **SHAWN GUDE**
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Mirroring the battle in recent days over the \$700 billion financial bailout plan, local residents and experts expressed differing views on Monday over the need for the enormous package.

"I don't think it's positive in the long run," said Iowa City resident Jaia Rosenfels. "But for now, it's great."

But Iowa City resident Bill Milder expressed concerns about the sheer size of the plan.

"I think they're asking for too much," he said, pointing to the national deficit and the multibillion-dollar cost of the Iraq war.

The nay vote surprised many UI observers, including political-science Associate Professor David Redlawsk.

"The leadership got blind-sided, particularly the Democratic leadership," he said.

Sharing that surprise, UI economics Professor Forrest Nelson called the package a "reasonable compromise."

"I think it's a big blow," he said but noted that he doesn't foresee "another Great Depression." "The crisis is quite serious. Nobody's happy that Wall Street has to be bailed out, but it appears that if steps aren't taken, we're going to have serious credit problems in the country."

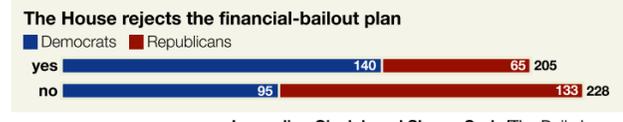
UI economics Professor John Geweke also warned of a possible economic meltdown. Although he wouldn't make predictions about the possibility of an eventual bailout package passing, he said the absence of one by the end of this week would put the country in "very risky and uncharted territory."

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Sept. 29, 2008
Specialist Patrick Murphy (left) directs trading in Citibank at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.



Richard Drew/Associated Press



Jacqueline Cieslak and Shawn Gude/The Daily Iowan

DiCarlo ready for new duties

The new coordinator wants to educate about sexual assault and facilitate programs with other state universities.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Monique DiCarlo, the new UI sexual-assault-response coordinator, sits outside her office in the Women's Resource and Action Center on Monday. Along with being the university's first such coordinator, DiCarlo has been the director at WRAC since 1994. In her new position, she will work closely with UI President Sally Mason to review current procedures on sexual assaults at the UI.

By **JENNIFER DELGADO**
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Monique DiCarlo may have one of the most important positions as the university recovers from heavy criticisms surrounding its policies after an alleged sexual assault in Hillcrest last year.

On Sept. 25, UI President Sally Mason appointed DiCarlo, a 20-year veteran of antiviolence initiatives, as the interim sexual-assault-response coordinator — the first position of its kind at the UI.

DiCarlo will be responsible for coordinating the university's response to sexual-assault reports while helping review and change current UI sexual-assault policies and procedures. DiCarlo will specifically work with UI officials and a hired consultant to revise the university's policies to meet a national standard until the next state Board of Regents meeting in December.

"I'm excited to participate and work with other regent schools," DiCarlo said. "I appreciate the attention that the campus is giving to the issue."

SEE **DICARLO**, 3A

Schools eye policy revamps

The UI will work with other Iowa universities to develop a comprehensive assault policy.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**
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Iowa's public universities will take the first steps in revamping their sexual-assault policies at a conference call this morning.

The action comes after a team of lawyers tasked to investigate the UI's handling of an alleged sexual assault called for an immediate change to the UI's existing policies. A special state Board of Regents' meeting on Sept. 25 made it official: All three Iowa universities will seriously take into consideration the firm's 10 recommendations and modernize its sexual-assault policies.

In the report released by St. Louis-based law firm the Stolar Partnership, its lawyers recommended sending all sexual-assault allegations to a single coordinating office. The lawyers made the decision following a former UI student's accusation that two ex-Hawkeye football players raped her in Hillcrest in October 2007.

But at the University of Northern Iowa, Dave Zarifis, the school's director of public

The Stolar report

Here are some of the recommendations made by the Stolar Partnership law firm to improve the UI's sexual-assault policy:

- Make available a trained advocate and inform the alleged victim of a right to one.
- Designate a single office to deal with all sexual-assault allegations.
- Consider notifying the UI police after receiving allegations.
- Properly train sexual-assault advocates.
- Exclude the general counsel from any sexual-assault investigation.

safety, said "there are numerous access points to victims to receive service."

But Zarifis said the department is almost always one of the first offices alerted of an alleged sexual assault, which follows another Stolar recommendation. "I view sexual assault as a criminal offense, not a student-conduct issue" Zarifis said.

John McCarroll, the Iowa State University spokesman, agreed.

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Foster care faces crisis

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

A veteran of 15 years in child welfare, Penny Esser has never weathered a tougher climate for the work to which she's so devoted — recruiting foster parents.

"It's as bad as I've seen," said Esser, who's based in Medford, Ore. "We are really at a critical shortage — we're crowding the foster homes that we have."

Even in good times, recruitment is often challenging because of concern about inadequate reimbursement rates, burdensome oversight, or simply a perception that foster parents get a bad rap because of periodic horror stories in the news.

Now, amid epic economic turmoil, the challenge is aggravated — especially in the majority of states, Oregon among them, whose payment rates to foster parents fall well below estimates of what's needed to raise the children.

"It's the fear factor that's keeping some people from even applying," said Don Darland, who heads the Oregon Foster Parent Association. "People are saying, 'I don't even want to try. I don't know what's going to happen. ... Maybe we have enough income, but we're not sure what's going to be there in the future.'"

Darland, a quadriplegic, is a retired Marine officer. He said he and his wife have been foster parents for 18 years, caring over that span for around 60 children, many with physical or emotional problems.

The problem is that there are not more folks like him: Retention is a problem in Oregon, with a need to replace at least 60 percent of the foster parents every two years, Darland said.

"It's always been a problem even in the best of times — and it's probably going to get worse before it gets better," said Lauri Stewart, a spokeswoman for Oregon's Department of Human Services. "People are being pinched hard."

One factor common to many states, she said, is that reimbursement doesn't cover child-care costs — meaning foster parents who work outside their home often must pay hundreds of dollars a month from their own pocket for daycare.

Stewart said the number of foster homes in Oregon has remained relatively steady in recent years but at too low a level to provide optimal care for foster children. The consequences, she said, include having to assign numerous children to each available home and settling for less-than-desirable matches for special-needs and minority children.

From the national perspective, foster-care advocates are deeply concerned by the budget woes besetting many states. Even if reimbursement rates aren't reduced, there may be other damaging cutbacks in training and support programs, said Carl Jones, interim executive director of the National Foster Parent Association.

There's particular concern about the financial struggles of

foster parents caring for special-needs children with serious emotional problems.

"The level of therapeutic needs for some kids is pretty high," said Joe Kroll of the North American Council on Adoptable Children. "As we go into economic downturns, we start to lose some of those supports."

Foster parent Susan Bell is wrestling with that very issue.

She and her husband already have two teenage foster sons in their home in Portland, and case workers are pleading with them to take more — including one youth who sexually molested a sibling and another who stabbed his mother.

"Are we wanting to tackle that with the amount of reimbursement we're getting? It's a heavy subject," said Bell. "We realize the amount of supervision these kids require. ... Generally, what's foremost on our minds is, 'Can we financially continue to do this?'"

Bell, 58, said the state pays \$512 a month for each of the boys now in their home — not enough to cover the surging costs of providing for them. Like other teens, the boys take long showers, leave windows open in the winter — jacking up utility bills — and eat heartily.

"Teenage boys don't eat a little bowl of cereal — they eat a mixing-bowl size," Bell said.

For now, she and her husband are wary of taking on more children, despite the state's entreaties.

"If you take in a 14-year-old, you're looking at a four-year

commitment, even if things worsen economically," Bell said. "It's a 24/7 job that definitely has its rewards, but there is an emotional and financial cost."

Nationally, the situation varies from state to state.

The president of the Texas Foster Family Association, Irene Clements, said her state's reimbursement rates — well above the national average — aren't a problem. But she said many potential foster parents are deterred by the rules they'd be subject to — "The system's gotten so punitive that they don't want to do it any more."

In Georgia, the foster-care community is waiting to learn what the impact will be of across-the-board budget cuts ordered by Gov. Sonny Perdue — at least 6 percent for every agency.

David Elliott, the head of Georgia's Foster Parent Association, said cutbacks in foster-parent training are viewed as likely.

"I'm not seeing mass panic — I'm seeing people taking studied approach," Elliott said. "We are feverishly working and looking for out-of-the-box solutions so we can take care of our children."

Back in Oregon, Penny Esser also is seeking new solutions. She works for the state's Child Welfare Division in Jackson County, where there are about 325 children in foster care — up from roughly 200 five years ago.

"We're crowding foster homes," she said. "People are willing, but we don't want to burn out our foster parents."

UI Physicians sues company

UI doctors filed a lawsuit last week against a company they say cost their group more than \$350,000.

By OLIVIA MORAN
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A group of UI physicians is suing its health-care management company, alleging its executives attempted to persuade the doctors to overcharge their patients.

The suit was filed last week in federal court naming Interplan Health Group, a Connecticut-based company that enters into contracts with hospitals and medical care providers.

UI Physicians is a group of approximately 650 doctors who serve 19 medical-clinics at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Officials at Interplan failed to apply the correct rates to the physicians' patients from Janu-

ary 2004 to August 2006, according to the suit. UI Physicians submits its statements and billings to Interplan, whose officials then directly bill patients.

The doctors allege the undercharge cost them more than \$347,000, but they are asking for more than \$417,000, which includes interest.

Executives at Interplan tried to persuade the doctors to overcharge the patients in order to recoup the group's losses, Iowa City attorneys Charles Traw and Thomas Maxwell wrote in the suit. But UI Physicians declined the offer, they wrote, demanding payment.

Patrick Thompson, an associate dean with UI Health Care,

A federal suit

The group UI Physicians sued Interplan Health Care last week. Here are the main points of the suit:
• Interplan executives allegedly undercharged the doctors' patients for over two years.
• UI Physicians is claiming Interplan executives then attempted to persuade them to overcharge their patients to earn back the lost money.
• The doctors are seeking more than \$417,000 as a result of the undercharge.

Source: UI Physicians lawsuit

said despite Interplan's offer, UI Physicians has yet to abandon its contract with the group.

METRO

Man faces LSD charges

Local authorities arrested an Iowa City man Monday after he allegedly gave a pack of gum coated with LSD to a police informant, reports show.

Dustin Hammes, 23, 927 S. Van Buren St., was charged with conspiring to deliver and manufacture LSD and possession of marijuana.

As of Monday, Hammes was being held at the Johnson County Jail on a \$16,000 cash-only bond.

On July 28, a confidential informant with the Iowa City police gave a pack of gum with 14 sticks to Hammes, reports show. Police said Hammes put one drop of LSD on 13 sticks and two drops of LSD — or lysergic acid diethylamide — on one stick.

The approximate weight of the gum containing LSD was 10.9 grams, authorities said.

On July 29, police searched Hammes' residence for narcotics and reportedly found marijuana and marijuana pipes in his bedroom.

Conspiring to deliver and manufacture LSD is a Class D felony generally punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine up to \$7,500. Possession of marijuana is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$1,875.

— by Ashton Shurson

Man charged with forgery, theft

Iowa City police arrested a man after he allegedly charged more than \$700 to a credit card he found.

Edgar Wells, 55, address unknown, was arrested Sept. 27 and charged with forgery and third-degree theft.

Iowa City police said Wells found a wallet and removed the check/debit

card to purchase \$711.32 worth of items at Hy-Vee, 1720 Waterfront Drive, across four different transactions. Wells was required to sign a receipt and signed it "Michael."

Authorities said Wells admitted that he knew he was stealing the items.

Third-degree theft is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine up to \$6,250. Forgery is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine up to \$7,500.

— by Ashton Shurson

CR man charged with indecent exposure

Iowa City police arrested a Cedar Rapids man after he allegedly exposed himself to three women, reports indicate.

Scott Hutchins, 39, was charged

Sept. 28 with three counts of indecent exposure and interference with official acts.

As of Monday, Hutchins was being held at the Johnson County Jail on a \$7,500 cash-only bond.

Police said that one female reported Hutchins exposed his penis and testicles to her. She then saw him expose himself to two other women, reports show.

Authorities said Hutchins admitted he exposed himself to three separate females and told police, "I thought I would feel aroused doing it, but it certainly didn't feel that way afterwards."

Indecent exposure is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine up to \$1,875. Interference with official acts is a simple misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine up to \$625.

— by Ashton Shurson

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Brain Basic, 18, Chicago, was charged Sept. 27 with PAULA and possession of a canceled/suspended/altered driver's license/ID.

Samuel Beenken, 20, Renwick, Iowa, was charged Sept. 27 with PAULA.

Joseph Bogetti, 22, address unknown, was charged Sept. 27 with public intoxication.

Zachary Burris, 18, 412B Mayflower, was charged Sept. 27 with PAULA.

Trey Chmelka, 18, 2237 Quadrangle, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Jessica Clark, 23, 2643 Westwinds Drive Apt. 2, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Jason Comer, 26, Dubuque, was charged Sept. 27 with OWI.

Thomas Ewalt, 55, 2722 Wayne Ave. Apt. 34, was charged Sept. 26 with fifth-degree theft.

Joseph Gates, 20, Racine, Wis., was charged Sept. 27 with PAULA.

Gregory Giles, 26, 1002 E. College St. Apt. 3, was charged Sept. 26 with public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance.

Joel Goldsberry, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 27 with disorderly conduct.

John Koch, 43, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Alexander Kwasny, 22, Haddonfield, N.J., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Chadwick Lambert, 18, Algona, Iowa, was charged Sept. 26 with presence in a bar after hours.

Leonard Larson, 20, West Liberty, was charged Sept. 27 with PAULA.

Dominic Marcott, 34, 2240 Davis St., was charged Sunday with third-degree theft.

Renfred Miller, 24, 1304 Sunset St., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Brian Mulholland, 26, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 27 with disorderly conduct.

Eric Murphy, 20, 521 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was charged Sept. 27 with public intoxication.

Kevin Page, 20, Sonoma, Calif., was charged Sunday with unlawful use of another's driver's license/ID and public intoxication.

Esten Patrick, 19, 324 N. Van Buren Apt. 7, was charged Sept. 27 with PAULA.

Jennifer Reimersma, 20, 610 E. Burlington St. Apt. B, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Joshua Sanders, 19, 1321 Sunset St.

Apt. 1, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Emily Schwager, 18, 1013 Rienow, was charged Sept. 26 with PAULA.

Jeffrey Smith, 19, 221 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1915, was charged Sept. 27 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Benjamin Stoker, 24, Oxford, Iowa, was charged Jan. 1 with possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana.

Patrick Williams, 21, 14 N. Johnson St., was charged Sept. 27 with keeping a disorderly house.

Allen Woods Jr., 50, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Susan Youssif, 19, 802 Benton Drive Apt. 34, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Geary Zimmon, 19, 1015 Crescent St., was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Bailout defeat divides IC

A New York Stock Exchange employee is surrounded by a horde of media and onlookers after the closing bell on Monday in front of the New York Stock Exchange.



STEPHEN CHERNIN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAILOUT

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"Lines of credit are drying up pretty quickly right now, and it's essential that lines of credit be restored," he said.

Drawing on empirical evidence, he said he would expect Iowa to be somewhat insulated from a serious economic damage because of its food-and-commodities economy, rather than a durable-goods-based one. But he said that a credit crunch would still hurt Iowa producers because it could depress food and commodity prices.

Nelson also noted the intertwined nature of the economy.

"I think everybody is affected by Wall Street, indirectly at least," said Nelson, pointing to pensions and retirement plans. "The health of the economy is tied to the health of Wall Street."

Like congressional Republicans, UI conservatives also offered divergent views on the bill.

UI College Republican Secretary Derek Bohlke said he was "leery about giving the government \$700 billion."

Kyle Schwarz, events coordinator for the UI College Republicans, said he had reservations about such a massive intervention into the market because of his conservative convictions.

Still, "I think it's fundamentally necessary," he said.

Casting an ultimately losing vote, Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, joined 204 others who voted in favor of the \$700 billion bailout plan on Monday.

The final vote tally was 228-205, with more Democrats than Republicans supporting the plan.

The package, which came in

the midst of vast economic turmoil, gave the government the power to buy — and eventually sell — mortgage-related assets.

The House's rejection sent the stock market downward, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average falling 777 points — the worst drop in two decades.

Other Iowa lawmakers split on the vote, with Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa, and Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, all opposing the measure.

Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa, supported the package.

The Senate was expected to vote on the bill on Wednesday, but the rejection leaves the future of the bailout uncertain.

"I fear inaction will result in a widening of this economic crisis and ultimately threatens to cripple our local economies and cause long-

ON THE EFFECT OF THE HOUSE'S VOTE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



David Redlawsk
UI political-science associate professor

'I actually think we have no idea right now. It's that simple ... Everybody keeps pointing fingers at this stage of the game.'

ON THE EVENTUAL PASSING OF BAILOUT LEGISLATION

'I think something will happen; it's just a matter of if it will come soon enough.'



Forrest Nelson
UI economics professor

term financial damage to hard-working families and Main Street USA," Loebsack said in a statement, adding that he urged Congress to "return to the negotiating table."

STUDY

In e-mail age, fibbing easier

Increasing e-mail correspondence is being accompanied by a rise in dishonesty.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS
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If you opened an e-mail today, someone probably lied to you.

In fact, that chance is 50 percent greater than if you had opened an envelope.

Researchers discovered that people are more likely to fib through e-mail than with traditional written communication, according to a study released Sept. 25.

And there's a reason for that, said David Watson, a UI professor of psychology. "People treat e-mail differently from other media," he said. "They view it as more informal and exempt from normal rules of conduct."

UI junior Caitlin Howard is evidence of that.

"I just [lied in an e-mail] the other day, to be honest," she said.

But overall, it's easier to lie in written communication than to lie when you are face-to-face with someone because most people have an emotional response, Watson said.

"It's an issue of whether you can look someone in the eye," he said. "People are worried that the other person can tell."

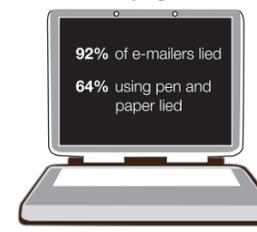
In the recent study, "Being Honest Online: The Finer Points of Lying in Online Ultimatum Bargaining," researchers gave 48 graduate business students \$89 to divide with a fictitious partner who had no knowledge of the dollar amount. Out of the people who used e-mail to contact their counterparts, 92 percent lied to keep more money for themselves. In the group that used pen and paper, 64 percent lied.

A related study released at the same time revealed that people were less likely to lie to those with whom they

Fibbing online

A recent survey shows that students are more likely to lie in e-mails than in hand-written notes.

Likelihood of lying



Source: Lehigh, Rutgers, and DePaul Universities

Jessica Heacock/The Daily Iowan

were more familiar.

The phenomenon the studies address is a fairly recent problem, researchers said.

It was not until 1993 that the web was opened to the public, and by the end of that year, it had 10 million users.

Today, there are more than 80 million websites with hundreds of millions of users.

Though it is a recent invention, professors at the UI rely on e-mail to communicate with their students and encourage them to check e-mail daily.

Electronic correspondence makes up around half of Cary Covington's communication with students, excluding communication in the classroom, said the UI associate professor of political science.

But the high volume of e-mail correspondence possibly increases the chances of a student lying to a teacher.

Still, UI Assistant Professor Ned Bowden said he's not troubled by that possibility.

"[It] doesn't concern me too much," he said. "There's not much they can really lie about."

DiCarlo set for new title, job

DICARLO

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Her colleagues in other regent schools said that they believe DiCarlo's partnerships with local and county organizations enable her to be a catalyst for change.

"I think [UI officials] made the right choice," said Annette Lynch, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa. "She has the right internal connections to do a good job."

Since October 1994, DiCarlo

has served as director of the Women's Resource and Action Center. The center works with women all over the state and offers a variety of programs, including ones focused on domestic abuse, diversity on campus, and student leadership. DiCarlo also said the UI and WRAC are also working on garnering attention to sex-based violence.

DiCarlo graduated from Augustana College with bachelor's degrees in social work and English with a concentration in women's studies. She then

received a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. She also holds a certification for nonprofit organizations from St. Ambrose University.

After arriving at the UI, DiCarlo quickly began to facilitate groups dealing with gender issues and anti-violence. She is the past chairwoman of the county's coalition against domestic violence. In addition to her work at the center, she teaches part-time as an adjunct professor in the School of Social Work.

Mason consulted DiCarlo as she prepared her response to the Stolar report for regents last week, DiCarlo said.

With her new position, she will work with representatives from the UNI and Iowa State University on sex-based violence. She said she is anxious to work as the university's liaison, but knows many factors go into changing the current situation.

"A response like this is only successful when people collaborate and coordinate their efforts," DiCarlo said.

Schools to reset assault policies

POLICY

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"We have consistently emphasized at Iowa State when a report or allegation is made [about] a sexual assault to try to involve the campus police as soon as possible," he said.

In another recommendation, Stolar attorneys said the UI should consider excluding the school's general counsel from all assault investigations because of potential conflicts of interest. Former UI General Counsel Marcus Mills was recently fired after his relationship with the accuser was severely criticized in the Stolar report.

Zarifis said, at UNI, the one official never involved in sexual assault allegations is the general counsel. Paul Tanaka, the general counsel at ISU, said his office will occasionally assist in such cases.

"We are engaged generally when someone asks for our advice and assistance," he said.

However, both university officials said the first step in handling an alleged sexual assault is providing an advocate for the accuser, a major criticism of the UI in the Stolar report. In the report, the attorneys wrote that the UI athletics department "did not offer to obtain a trained counselor or rape-victim advocate" for the woman, nor did officials inform her of her right to one.

Zarifis said providing an advocate is the first thing officials do at UNI, and McCarroll said his school relies on a sexual assault response team, which he said has so far been successful.

The schools are required to present a new, uniform sexual-assault policy by Dec. 11 to the regents.

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Post-Jones era may see more \$

With Phillip Jones gone, UI student government groups may see change.

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The termination of former Vice President for Student Services Phillip Jones may put more money in the hands of the UI Student Government and the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students.

UISG President Maison Bleam said he thought Jones' recent dismissal will bring positive changes to the organization.

"I have great respect for [Jones], but at the same time, there were a lot of things we disagreed on," Bleam said. "I appreciate his 40-plus years of service to the university and students; however, I think that this is a great opportunity for change in leadership. I think, in the long run, it will be better for the students."

Members of the UISG have voiced concerns over Jones' actions over the past several years — specifically the former administrator's decision to withhold surplus money generated by the Collegiate Readership Program.

More than \$120,000 has accumulated since UISG started the program in 2003. Prior to his dismissal, Jones said he believed the money should be saved in case of an emergency rather than recycled back into UISG control.

Jones, who was recently fired by UI President Sally Mason, said he was no longer employed by the university and therefore had nothing to say on the issue.

Bleam said he was excited to work with Thomas Rocklin, the interim vice president for Student Services.

"Tom has indicated that he takes a more hands-off approach, a more mediator role," Bleam said. "I have worked with Tom in several different capacities, and I get along with him great."

Another controversial topic between the graduate and undergraduate student governments is how to best divide the student activity fee, which brings in roughly \$1.5 million each year.

Bleam and graduate-student

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

UI Student Government Vice President Bridget Szeluga discusses on Daily Iowan TV what having Thomas Rocklin as interim vice president for Student Services will mean for UISG. Check it out at dailyiowan.com.



More money for student groups?

A disagreement on some funds could be moot after the firing of former UI Vice President for Student Services Phillip Jones.

- More than \$120,000 has accumulated in leftover student fees.
- Jones wanted to save the money for emergency funding.
- UISG members want it under their control.

government President Steve Wieland said Jones supported the graduate-student government's desire to divide the fee according to what portion of each student group contributes. UISG now controls the majority of the money, which is dispersed to around 400 student organizations.

While Bleam argued the split won't happen, Wieland said the initiative makes sense and that the plan was in the works last year with the administration and then-UISG President Barrett Anderson. Wieland said he thinks Jones' dismissal shouldn't change anything.

Michael Currie, the head of the UISG budget committee, said he believes there should be no division with the fee, and he thinks with Rocklin in charge, things may be looking up for UISG.

"I think there is a very good possibility we will be getting a lot of our money back," he said.

Rocklin said it is too early for him to take a stand on any of the debated issues between Jones and the student governments, but stressed that he enjoyed working with groups.

"Part of my job is to be an advocate for all students, and I'm looking forward to that," he said in an e-mail.

Sights, sounds of China

Olympic ambassadors present their experiences in Beijing this summer.

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

Check out Daily Iowan TV's report on the UI's students trip briefing at dailyiowan.com.



By ADAM SULLIVAN
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Jane Hanson stood before an overhead screen illuminated by snapshots of familiar logos — Häagen-Dazs, Starbucks, McDonald's — on unfamiliar Chinese street corners.

"There were enough familiar things to make us feel like we were connected," said Hanson, a recent UI Ph.D. graduate in English as a second language.

On Monday, Hanson and Lini Ge, a graduate student in journalism, offered their perspectives of a Chinese culture stuck between a rich history and changing world. Approximately 40 people attended the presentation, which is part of the UI International Programs' International Mondays seminar series.

Both women accompanied a group of UI students who attended the Summer Olympics in Beijing to volunteer for the Olympic News Service. The 24 students were part of the Iowa Olympic Ambassadors Project.

Ge, a native of China, addressed the potentially long-lasting effect the Olympics could have on China.

Before the games, she said, many environmental concerns went unchecked.

"The environmental pollution in China is quite serious," she said. "According to the U.N. ... one-fourth of the population drink polluted water and one-third breathe polluted air."

Ge said preparations for the 2008 Olympics — which started in 2001, seven years before the opening ceremony — included cleaning up the air in Beijing.

Measures included increased availability of public transportation, enforcing more stringent emissions standards, and partially restricting vehicle travel, Ge said.

Those measures produced results. Ge said air quality in Beijing during the Olympics reached the cleanest levels in around a decade.

Ge said some of the temporary environmental measures put in place will be made permanent.

"The Olympics have given the



RYAN FORMANEK/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate student Lini Ge answers questions following a forum at the Iowa City Public Library on Monday. As part of her master's project, Ge profiled UI journalism students who traveled to China to cover the Beijing Olympics.

Chinese the opportunity to consider sustainable development," she said. "Hosting the Olympics is a great thing for China to move forward."

In contrast, Hanson presented images and commentary on ancient landscapes and buildings she experienced during the group's nine-week stay in China.

"Everywhere we looked, whether we looked up or down at the floor, there were beautiful things to see, ancient things to see," she said.

Both women said that while the Chinese government made an effort to lift some of its traditional media restraints, there were still hurdles for news outlets to overcome.

They reported that police officers would occasionally listen in on interviews being conducted and that some foreigners alleged that Internet access was being limited.

"The reality in those countries is that you can just disappear," Hanson said. "Here, we have the

right to lawyers; we have the right to say what we want. That's not something you're guaranteed everywhere in the world."

UI senior Tom Bates said Chinese people he talked to thought the Olympics might bring about permanent changes in Chinese life.

"They definitely thought things would change for the better," he said. "They thought the Olympics would be a big steppingstone to moving in a new direction."

STATE

State wants review of nude-dancing case

DES MOINES (AP) — The state Attorney General's Office said on Monday it has asked the Iowa Supreme Court to review a lower court's decision that nude dancing is an art in Iowa, which a prosecutor said is undercutting the state's public-decency law protecting minors.

In August, a Fremont County judge ruled in favor of an all-nude dancing club owner charged with violating the state's public indecency-law after a teenage girl got up on stage and stripped.

Judge Timothy O'Grady said prosecutors failed to prove that Shotgun Geniez in Hamburg wasn't a theater and therefore it was protected under the law, which makes it a criminal offense to allow minors "to perform in a live act intended to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires" of patrons.

However, the law doesn't apply to a "theater, concert hall, art center, museum, or similar establishments" devoted to the arts or theatrical performances.

Assistant Attorney General Mary Tabor said the state is seeking a review of the judge's interpretation of the statute.

When ask if Iowa was targeting the clubs, Tabor said the state takes issue with the lower court's interpretation that a minor was allowed to dance nude because the club fell under the theater exception.

"We're interested in making sure the exception doesn't swallow the rule. The exception for theater and places where legitimate artistic endeavors are being undertaken, that it's not viewed so broadly that minors can dance in a strip club and have that fall under that exception," she said.

Iowa woman hurt when tree limb fell dies

ANAMOSA, Iowa (AP) — State officials say a woman who was injured when a tree limb fell on her head during a picnic earlier this month has died.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources spokesman Kevin Baskins says Tara Lynn Bennett died Sept. 27.

Bennett was having a picnic Sept. 19 with a friend at Wapsipicon State Park when a 9-foot limb from a maple tree fell and hit her on the head.

She was taken to a local hospital, then transferred to the UI Hospitals and Clinics, where she remained until her death.

Bennett's boyfriend's father, Fred Pasker of Marion, described Bennett as someone who never let anything get in her way. If there was a way to do something, she would do it.

Pasker says Bennett, who was 26, worked as a waitress and bartender at an Anamosa restaurant.

Hoover museum features political memorabilia

WEST BRANCH (AP) — The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum in West Branch is showcasing its collection of presidential political memorabilia.

It includes campaign buttons from past and current races — including John McCain and Barack Obama in 2008 — plus candidate masks, nightgowns, and playing cards.

Library Director Tim Walch says there's thousands of items in the collection, and it's a great opportunity to feature some. The exhibit is through Election Day on Nov. 4.

The earliest item is an 1840 Tippecanoe Club ribbon, referring to the nickname of President William Henry Harrison.

There's an Abraham Lincoln ribbon and two bundles of ballots from the

1864 election. Oddities include a Barry Goldwater nightgown and "Dicky Poo for '72" button.

Aviva combines operations

DES MOINES (AP) — Aviva PLC, Britain's largest insurer, said Monday it has launched Aviva Investors, a global asset-management business that combines investment operations in approximately eight countries to create a new division.

The North American unit of Aviva Investors will be based in Des Moines, where the company's Aviva USA division has its headquarters.

The company expects to hire 40 to 50 professional-level employees by the end of next year to be located in Des Moines, said Gregory Boal, the CEO of Aviva Investors North America.

Aviva Investors also will have U.S. offices in New York, Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Chicago.

Aviva Investors will combine 1,100 employees in 21 locations around the world into one operation that now manages \$469 billion.

Aviva Investors combines Australia's Portfolio Partners; France's Aviva Gestion d'Actifs; Poland's CUIM Polska; Ireland's Hibernian Investment Managers; North America's Aviva Capital Management, MFM International and Aviva Investment Canada; Romania's CertInvest; and the United Kingdom's Morley.

London-based Aviva PLC said the change will create local autonomous teams that concentrate on active portfolio management in areas such as equity and fixed income investment and real estate. In addition, a newly formed global investment solutions team will focus on products and multi-asset solutions that include quantitative, index, asset allocation, multi-manager, and structured products.

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Floodwaters south of Iowa City cover farmland on June 10. Over the weekend, Congress approved a \$23 billion disaster-relief package to aid those affected by the flood, hurricanes, and California wildfires. Iowa does not know its exact share.

Culver sees 'start' to federal disaster aid

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Iowa Gov. Chet Culver said Monday a disaster-relief package approved in Congress over the weekend is "a start" to the state's recovery from severe weather in the spring and summer.

The issue now will be how large of a share Iowa gets of the \$23 billion approved by Congress, he said.

"I'll have more to say when we know more details about the specific amount that will be earmarked for Iowa," Culver said. "All we know today is that \$23 billion have been appropriated; we don't know how much of that we're going to get."

The governor said he would continue to press for disaster assistance in specific areas such as agriculture and transportation, while pressing for as big a share as he can get of the general disaster relief.

"I'll be in constant contact with our delegation," said Culver. "I am pleased they got it done before they adjourned."

The governor spoke with reporters after delivering a speech to a session of the Older Iowans Legislature. He focused on a two-pronged effort to get assistance to Iowans — pressing the federal govern-

ment for more assistance and pushing to see that aid already approved actually gets distributed.

Congress approved the latest disaster assistance over the weekend as lawmakers worked to adjourn so they can return home for campaigning before the Nov. 4 election.

"It's a start, certainly, and we're going to just keep pressing as hard as humanly possible to make sure that federal funds that have already been approved get distributed to the state of Iowa," Culver said.

That assistance will include up to \$150 million in housing assistance that's expected to be distributed in the next four to six weeks, the governor said.

The Older Iowans Legislature is an annual event run by the state's Department of Elder Affairs. In the event, seniors from across the state gather in a mock legislative session to approve a series of priorities that will be delivered to the real Legislature when it convenes in January.

Lawmakers typically pay attention to that priority list because seniors vote in higher numbers than any other demographic group. Culver acknowledged that in his speech.

"You represent some of the most active Iowans," he said. "My administration has focused a lot on this area and I feel good about our record to date."

Culver continue his focus on disaster relief in speaking to seniors, saying older Iowans face the roughest chore in rebuilding. He said many are reluctant to come forward and seek assistance.

"I'm challenging you to be my eyes and ears on the ground," the governor said.

Part of the recovery effort includes a door-to-door campaign seeking seniors who may have suffered damages and aren't aware of assistance programs, the governor said.

"Volunteers went door to door to identify the most immediate needs of seniors," he said.

While Culver has been pressing hard on disaster relief, some victims have grumbled about a lack of aid. He insisted progress is being made.

"The good news is we are rebuilding. We are making progress," said Culver.

Culver urged the seniors to encourage others to apply for assistance. He noted the deadline for applying for aid was extended to the end of October.

State gets grant to focus on sex assault

Iowa is the fourth state to receive a Department of Justice grant to fund prevention and policy plans for assault victims.

By AMANDA MCCLURE
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A woman leaves the library after a late night of studying, only to be followed by a man who seems suspicious and suddenly looms closer.

"Freeze," a narrator in the recently assembled UI theater troupe says.

The hypothetical scene is one of the many scenarios that the troupe will act out at an Oct. 14 on-campus safety forum as part of a \$1 million statewide flagship program.

Department of Justice consultants will also be at the UI to revamp the policies and procedures for sexual-assault cases

"This is an opportunity for the UI to build on its strengths and address its weaknesses"

- Monique DiCarlo, sexual assault response coordinator

as part of the initiative.

The university is required to focus specifically on sexual-assault education as a part of the flagship grant.

"The student action is just as important as the national attention that we'll receive," said Annette Lynch, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa and leader of the flagship program. "We're going to be evaluated by national standards and national policies, both of which will greatly

improve our current policies."

Iowa is the fourth state in the nation to receive a Department of Justice flagship grant, which expires in 2010. Under the grant, all universities are required to implement new programs that work toward fresh prevention and policy plans for assault victims.

"We need new policies and procedures for when assaults occur, but we also need initiatives for prevention," Lynch said. "This has to be bigger than just helping others; it needs to be campuswide."

The UI has also created a campus coalition — students, community members, and faculty working for sexual-assault education — a center for assault-victim advocates, and a Men's Antiviolence Council to qualify for the national grant.

UI President Sally Mason has detailed specific areas in which the university's sexual-assault policy will improve, including a rape-victim advocacy center for better communication between victims and the school.

"This is an opportunity for the UI to build on its strengths and address its weaknesses," said Monique DiCarlo, the director of the Women's Action and Resource Center and the newly appointed UI sexual-assault-response coordinator. "It's a great way for the campus to move forward."

DiCarlo hopes to see a clear understanding of the best

UI enhances assault resources

The UI will implement new efforts on campus geared toward sexual-assault prevention, including:

- Antiviolence Coalition
- Men's Antiviolence Council
- A theater troupe designed to educate first-year students about sexual assault
- Nationally advised sexual-assault policy and procedure changes

Source: Monique DiCarlo, director of the Women's Action and Resource Center and recently appointed as UI sexual-assault-response coordinator

assault responses for victims

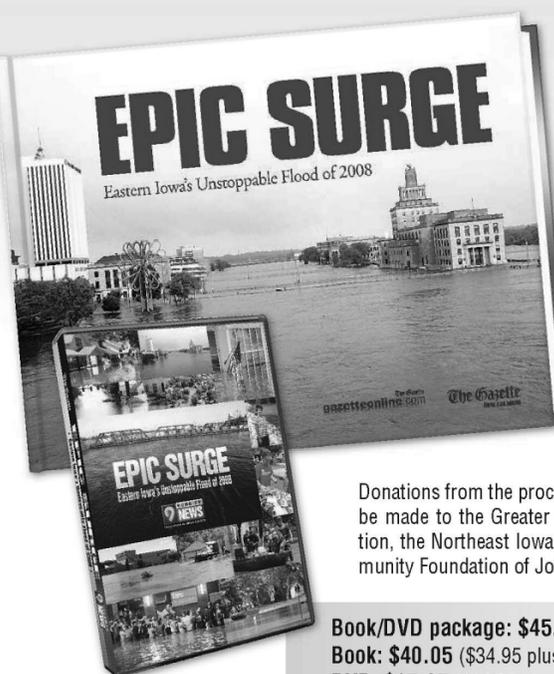
"This grant has given state universities the ability to come up with model performances and become national leaders," Lynch said.

The UI received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2006 intended for updating policies on campus for assault incidents. The Antiviolence Coalition opted not to change the assault policies because they had been updated a year before. Instead, the group opted to focus on stalking and improving UI responses.

"This is an abstract issue with no set solution," said UI senior Emily Grieves, the liaison between the UI Student Government and the flagship-grant directors. "Any level of feedback we get is going to be positive."

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Loeb sack has been there, too

There have been several letters recently mentioning the middle class upbringing of Marianne Miller-Meeks. While I applaud Miller-Meeks for her achievements, I hope the letter writers are aware of the modest beginnings of Rep. Dave Loeb sack.

Loeb sack was raised in abject poverty by a single mother who suffered from mental illness. They were willing to work hard but could not make it without help.

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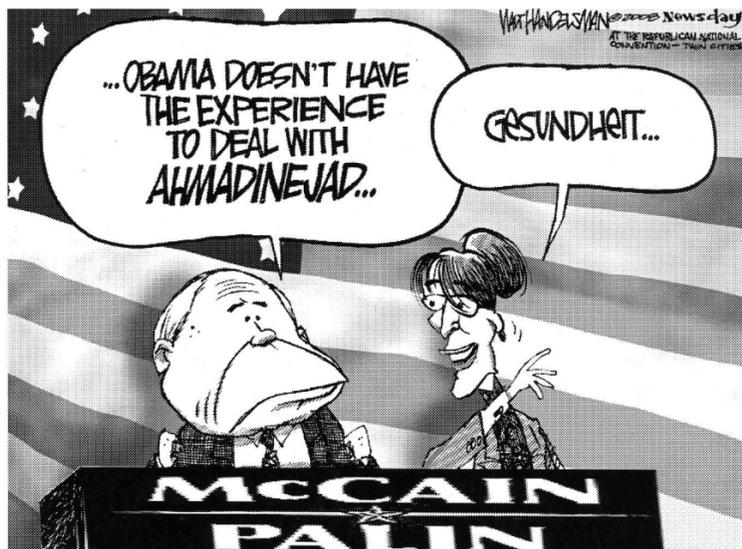
a break, and the federal government provided it.

Loeb sack swore that he would never forget his humble roots. He made a pledge that he would never fail the people who struggle to get by. And he has kept that pledge.

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Please join me in voting for Dave Loeb sack — a man who will never forget those of us who struggle.

Rod Sullivan
Iowa City resident



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Editorial

Point: Second Wal-Mart Supercenter isn't worth it

AMANDA BAILEY

A Wal-Mart Supercenter in Iowa City is unnecessary, and it will only create more hassle and inconvenience for those who live in the city. The Coralville Wal-Mart is sufficient, and despite the tax revenues that a newly expanded Wal-Mart would rake in for Iowa City, the problems this renovation and expansion would create outweigh the benefits.

The first concern is the traffic and congestion that this new Wal-Mart will bring to the Iowa City area along Highway 1. Sunday afternoons at the Coralville Wal-Mart, for example, are typically a mess as people scramble around shopping for groceries and last-minute items for the work week. The parking lot remains jam-packed throughout most of the day.

The Iowa City Wal-Mart as it exists now is more convenient. For shoppers only looking to get a few items, the store is much easier to navigate than the Coralville Wal-Mart, and getting in and out of the store quickly is relatively painless. Shoppers looking for household items, electronics, toiletries, clothing, etc., aren't forced to wait in line behind shoppers with hundreds of dollars' worth of groceries. Coralville already has a Wal-Mart Supercenter for those people looking to streamline the shopping process by buying groceries and the latest season of "Grey's Anatomy" all in the same trip. And for those people who despise long lines and crowds of shoppers, the Iowa City Wal-Mart is well-situated. Grocery stores such as Hy-Vee and Fareway are already much better suited to handle the grocery crowd. And when these places are only minutes away from the current Wal-Mart, there is no need to combine the two, especially when Wal-Mart already has a few of the most basic grocery needs and food staples.

Another concern is the effect a new Wal-Mart Supercenter will have on local business in Iowa City. Wal-Marts across the country have been notorious for stealing away commerce from local businesses and driving away customer loyalty with their infamous low prices and redirect this business to the Wal-Mart stores. Because prices are constantly increasing, many people see Wal-Mart's lower prices as a gleaming invitation to shop.

The grocery-store chains in the area will be first to be affected by the new Wal-Mart. A 2006 analysis that appeared in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* found that Wal-Mart accounts for 15 to 20 per-

cent of the nation's retail grocery market with its 1,980 stores (data as of Jan. 31, 2006). In only their first year of operation, Wal-Mart Supercenters that are new to metropolitan areas are responsible for sucking in approximately 4 percent of sales that would have typically been directed to grocery-store chains.

Grocery stores such as the Iowa City Hy-Vee and Fareway will eventually lose valuable customers to Wal-Mart's low prices. The new supercenter will leave these stores struggling to keep their heads above water. Potentially, this may also result in these businesses being forced to relocate or close their stores altogether. According to the Wake Up Wal-Mart website, a study conducted in Iowa showed that some small towns lost up to 47 percent of their retail trade in the 10 years after a Wal-Mart moved to the area. Another of the site's studies found that money spent at Wal-Mart does not stay in the community. Virginians found that while 60 cents out of every dollar they spend downtown stays there, only 6 cents for every dollar spent at Wal-Mart remains in the community.

And for those people who already refuse to shop at Wal-Mart stores because of Wal-Mart's ethically questionable business practices, anti-Wal-Mart shoppers will be forced either to do business with the corporation anyway or to travel to other areas with grocery stores that haven't yet been negatively influenced by Wal-Mart. The choices we are offered as consumers will virtually disappear.

Wal-Mart has also been known to negatively affect the environment. Wake Up Wal-Mart reports that in October 2004, the United States government sued Wal-Mart for ignoring the Clean Water Act in nine states. Wal-Mart was then forced to change several of its building codes as well as pay \$3 million in fines. And in the San Francisco Bay area, Wal-Mart was responsible for \$256 million in damages to community infrastructure and environmental degradation.

Because of the harmful effects Wal-Marts across the country have already had on communities, a new Wal-Mart in Iowa City will likely have similar results. The city and its Wal-Mart shoppers have been doing fine without another Wal-Mart Supercenter, and can continue to survive with just one supercenter and one standard store. The new store may decrease the congestion of the current Coralville store, but even so, the negative consequences would considerably overshadow the positive ones.

Counterpoint: More options are the American way

CHRISTOPHER PATTON

The Iowa City City Council's recent rezoning to allow the construction of a new Super Wal-Mart was the right decision for the community.

Allowing the southern Iowa City Wal-Mart to be reconstructed as a Super Wal-Mart provides a number of advantages. First, although there is already a Super Wal-Mart in Coralville, having one located closer to Iowa City's population center will mean that people don't have to drive as far to get there, using less fuel than they otherwise would. Also, the Coralville Strip is already highly congested, and being able to go to a Super Wal-Mart in Iowa City may help decrease the traffic there. Second, the new store will provide people in Iowa City with more grocery-shopping options. Third, Wal-Mart provides some of the lowest prices of any retailer, so making a more extensive store more accessible to residents of Iowa City will help people save money on many essential items.

There is no question that Wal-Mart is a controversial company. Many people, especially in a liberal community such as Iowa City, feel that the retail giant has a negative effect on its workers. Thus, it is not surprising that six of the seven people who spoke at the City Council meeting during which the rezoning was approved spoke out against the measure. Regarding the treatment of workers, it is up to the federal and state government officials to enforce labor laws that hold all businesses accountable to certain minimum standards. Given the enormous number of Wal-Mart stores around the world, it is unrealistic to think that Iowa City's local government can have a significant effect. Those contending that federal and state regulations ought to be more stringent or simply applied more aggressively ought to make those arguments to their federal and state legislators.

Another way for individuals to express their displeasure with a company such as Wal-Mart is simply to refuse to shop there. Iowa City is a large enough community that there are

numerous options for obtaining most retail goods and groceries. Those who feel that Wal-Mart engages in unethical labor practices can choose to spend their money elsewhere, thus supporting businesses that operate in a fashion more in line with their views. Insisting that no one in the community be able to shop at Wal-Mart simply because some residents have serious problems with the company is unfair. People should be free to make their own choices.

But not all opposition to Wal-Mart focuses exclusively on the corporation's treatment of its workforce. Local anti-Wal-Mart activist Gary Sanders expressed disappointment with the council's decision, saying, "Wal-Mart is a detriment to the community."

Some of those who oppose Wal-Mart argue primarily that it harms local businesses by selling goods at prices that are too low. However, this is ultimately the nature of a market economy. The business that is able to sell its goods at the lowest price will attract a lot of customers. It is true that some customers may take other factors into account and determine that it is worth their money to spend a bit more at a different store, but many people simply can't afford to do so. Especially given the difficult economic times many American families find themselves in, being able to buy extremely low-cost essential items at stores such as Wal-Mart helps many low-income families stay afloat. Using city zoning laws to keep out businesses that offer the lowest prices would only put such vulnerable people under more stress.

Finally, some, such as City Councilor Mike Wright, opposed the new Super Wal-Mart at least partially for aesthetic reasons, arguing that that new design would be unattractive to drivers entering Iowa City. It's difficult to argue with the notion that businesses should do their best to keep their properties from looking bad, but a Wal-Mart building should not be expected to be a work of art. As long as the structure meets all building codes, it should be allowed to be constructed.

'Bumb-er' & 'Bump-er'



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You gotta admit, there's been a lot going on recently, what with UI VPs coming and going and the Hawkeyes fumbling away a football game to traditional SAT powerhouse Northwestern and the economy skating off toward Tierra del Fuego and the credit crunch biting away at the very fabric of American society while banks, curiously enough, keep mailing and e-mailing you offer after offer to pick up some hot new credit cards.

Hmmm. All this on top of classes and drinking; who has time for a history lesson?

Well, Joe Biden, bless his heart, took the time recently to give us all a history lesson. Albeit, a somewhat curious history lesson: When the stock market crashed in 1929, President Franklin D. Roosevelt went on TV to rally the nation.

You can no doubt see that there are a couple things, well (how to put this politely), somewhat fractured in this history lesson. First (although it could easily be second), FDR quite famously was not president in 1929. As all of us in this state bright enough to breathe know, Iowa's own Herbert Hoover was president. (Although, you have to admit, almost none of us were born yet in 1929, so we have to take this on faith, to use a loaded word.

Remember, if you use loaded words at home, be careful where you point them.)

Second (although it could easily be first), there was no TV in 1929. Nada. Zero. zilch. People — I realize that this is a quaint notion — read books.

So, to recap: No President Roosevelt, no TV. And, sadly, no rallying the nation.

Other than that, it was a pretty good history lesson.

What in the world got into Joe Biden? you wonder. Me, too. And where can we get some?

Luckily for us, the good folks over in the UI organic-chemistry biz may have the answer. (OK, it's not actually a "biz" — that's just shorthand for, Who knows exactly what they do? Outside of them, of course.)

Highly secret sources tell me the UI organic-chemistry folks have discovered the "Bumb Effect."

What with all the other stuff going on, it's pretty much flown under the proverbial radar (which is much, much better than the staid, traditional radar), but apparently, this is much bigger than cold fusion.

But then, so much is these days.

But what, exactly, is the "Bumb Effect"? you say.

Well. In my serpentine journey through higher education, organic chemistry is one of those items left behind in some dark twist or turn, back, I think, near calculus and the Brontë sisters.

But because it's organic chemistry, I suspect the "Bumb Effect" has something to do with the locally grown, fresh-produce molecules that New Pioneer and the Farmers' Market sell. See, what happens is, these local fresh-produce molecules block — or "Bumb" — those nasty, non-local, non-organic produce molecules that chains sell. (Those would be carbon-footprint chains.)

So, apparently what happened to poor Joe Biden is he accidentally got "Bumbed" into a parallel universe (it seems the "Bumb Effect" has something or other to do with string theory, but I have to admit, physics is another one of those items nestled back with the Brontë sisters) in which FDR was president in 1929 and TV had been around for a while.

(Come back, Joe. That parallel universe is a fool's paradise. For one thing, Sarah Palin is the governor out there somewhere.)

You could probably also blame the "Bumb Effect" for the Wall Street bailout and its spectacular failure in the House of Representatives on Monday. Granted, economics for me is also an item nestled back with the Brontë sisters (those Brontës sure seem to get a lot of nestling done).

Well, OK, if you're into more mundane explanations, you could blame the House voting down welfare for Wall Street — Wall-fare, as it's known in my household — on the fact that the majority of American people, if you can believe the polls, are avidly against Wall-fare. And to politicians, the American people are known as "voters."

But out here at the cutting edge of science and too much coffee, I'm blaming the "Bumb Effect."

So I guess you could say Wall-fare hit a "Bumb" in the road.

"It's a combination of folk music and rock 'n' roll. I try to write songs with tons of ambiguity and other songs that are completely straightforward. But they're always honest and almost always stemming from a personal event."

— Nathan James, folk singer-songwriter

It ain't Dylan, babe

Local singer-songwriter Nathan James will perform his Dylan-influenced 'vocally driven' folk music tonight at the Mill.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Artist Nathan James' music is more "vocally driven" than other folk music, he says. The singer-songwriter and UI graduate is set to play a concert tonight at the Mill.

By MELEA ANDRYS
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Folk singer-songwriter Nathan James is not Bob Dylan.

Though thematically and musically the southeastern Iowa native has a great deal in common with his legendary artistic influence, Nathan James (a.k.a. Nathan James Binkley) can actually sing.

"A lot of times, [the voice] is a little more whispery [with folk]," he said. "My music is a little more vocally driven than in some other types of folk music."

James will perform his unique vocal stylings at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., alongside fellow singer-songwriter Diva Kai at 9 p.m. today.

"Iowa City is one of the most influential things in my life," he told the DI. "It's such a great place — there's a free flow of information and ideas. It's just a unique little town — kind of like a little island in the Midwest for cultural ideas."

Though James graduated from the UI in 2006 with a degree in finance, he actually started his college career as a vocal-

performance major at the University of Nebraska. There, he experienced one of his defining moments as a musician when he was selected to tour Europe as a freshman with the top choir at the university.

"It was a really, really cool and eye-opening experience," he said, recalling audiences of more than 9,000 people. "It was one of my crowning accomplishments."

He has accomplished quite a bit as of late, having just finished writing and recording *The Bear*, his debut album.

"It's a combination of folk

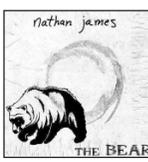
music and rock 'n' roll," James said. "I try to write songs with tons of ambiguity and other songs that are completely straightforward. But they're always honest and almost always stemming from a personal event."

The title of the album refers to an expression his mother used to call him as a child when he was being difficult.

"She said, 'You're being a bear,'" James said. "[And this] entire album was really difficult. People always think it's a lot more glamorous than it is [to make an album] — it's not glamorous. For the most part, it's just a lot of hitting the pavement over and over again."

But he said it's all been worth it. "Sometimes it seems like a constant struggle," he writes on his website. "I've played shows for two high-school kids making out on a couch. I've driven six hours each way to play for forty-five minutes in front of a dozen other musicians and their girlfriends — [but] I can't imagine waking up tomorrow and not doing music."

After all, as Bob Dylan once wrote, "God knows it's struggle."



GIVE A LISTEN
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The Bear

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See **NATHAN JAMES**, with Diva Kai, at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington, today at 9 p.m., for \$5.

EVENT TONIGHT



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Indianapolis band Margot and the Nuclear So & So's will perform at Old Brick today at 7:30 p.m. In October, the band will release two albums, *Animal!* and *Not Animal*. Previous albums include *The Dust of Retreat* (2006) and *The Daytrotter Sessions EP* (2008).

Margot and the Nuclear So & So's Indianapolis band Margot and the Nuclear So & So's played at Chicago's 2008 Lollapalooza and released an EP this summer from the band's recent drive through Rock Island, Ill., to partake in a Daytrotter Session. Tonight, the indie rock band will take on Iowa City.

"Margot is a band with a unique sound that I'm sure students will enjoy if they are looking for the next new thing," said SCOPE public-relations coordinator Clark Bradshaw. "Though the group is still relatively up and coming, it has released several albums and has a devoted fan base. We hope that people take a look at what Margot and the Nuclear So and So's are doing and check it out for themselves at the concert. A true music fan will most certainly enjoy this group."

The SCOPE-sponsored performance, also featuring David Vandervelde and Judgment

Day, will take place at Old Brick, 26 E. Market St., at 7:30 p.m. today. In the past, SCOPE concerts have been held in the IMU; however, because of the flood damage, alternative venues were needed.

"[The location] will create a much more intimate vibe, which coincides perfectly with Margot's music," Bradshaw said.

"SCOPE hosted the artist Bon Iver last year, and his concert was about the same capacity as Margot and the Nuclear So & So's will be," Bradshaw said. "[It] was completely sold-out, and it just made the experience much more enjoyable — to be in an intimate venue listening to mellow music with a huge crowd."

"Hopefully, Margot can replicate that feeling again this year for the audience."

Margot and the Nuclear So & So's will release the albums *Animal!* and *Not Animal* on Oct. 7.

— by Elizabeth Timmins

CD REVIEWS

Folds comes out from behind the curtain in latest disc

In Ben Folds' previous two solo records, a lot of the highlights were songs in his so-called "typical" mode — particularly on *Rockin' the Suburbs*, almost every song has it, but it's also there on such tracks as "Jesusland." It's the veneer of storytelling, of fiction, of the need to tell people's tales for them.

On *Way To Normal*, that fourth wall is being torn down, from the title onward. One doesn't really have to have the confirmation that Folds has been going through marital issues after a spin of this album — it's all there, refreshingly and shockingly enough, from the he-said/she-said of Regina Spektor duet "You Don't Know Me," the wounded track directed at friends, "Brainwashed," or the most subdued of them all, "Cologne," which gets a whole track to lead us into it (or prepare us?).

Unsurprisingly, though, the album highlights are where Folds allows his pure songwriting ability to take over, not just whatever heartache and anger is needing expression, but his inexhaustible need to have a few quirky songs on each record: "Dr. Yang" and "Errant Dog" drag the record down like rocks around its neck.

Meanwhile, though, in case you've forgotten, Folds is still a man who can make a piano sound either rockin' (in the case of breakup-anthem "Bitch Went Nuts") or gorgeous ("Effington," whence the title comes). It's nice to meet him for once, instead of a round of characters.

Anna's Picks: "Effington," "You Don't Know Me," "Bitch Went Nuts"

— by Anna Wiegenstein

Passenger draws influence from classics hoping to stay that way

Just as the piano-man disc that came before this review, *The Glass Passenger* is also an album about coping — albeit the issues that former Something Corporate frontman Andrew McMahon has been dealing with over the past few years are more life-and-death and less heartbreak-and-reunion.

Since the first Jack's album came out (actually, on the day of its release, ironically enough), McMahon has gone through a brutal struggle with and eventual recovery from leukemia.

The Glass Passenger only has one song that directly addresses the cancer battle, but who, is it a hell of a trip. At seven minutes-plus waiting at the very end of the record, "Caves" is undeniably the album highlight, an aptly titled epic that starts off bleak, then makes the journey into the proverbial light, with the repeated lyric "walls are caving in" going from a weak plea to a triumphant declaration, as though McMahon is the one kicking down the walls himself in the end.

Before it gets there, though, *Passenger* goes through a raft of different styles, from several tracks in McMahon's typical piano-pop style that by now he's nearly perfected ("Crashing"), to an awkwardly worded "sexy" track ("What Gets You Off?"), to a track that exhibits Jack's Mannequin's admiration for Tom Petty in more than just a titular similarity ("American Love").

In one song, a lyric asks the object of McMahon's affections to "contemplate their chemistry" — this is a lot of Ben Folds reacted with just enough classic rock (from the Petty to the Beach Boys influences found scattered throughout the album, most heavily in "Annie Use Your Telescope") to make it more worthwhile than most.

Anna's Picks: "Caves," "American Love," "Drop Out — The So Unknown"

— by Anna Wiegenstein

Idol star's newest overly produced

Jennifer Hudson may be telling you she's not goin', but it's hard to hear her through all the noise. After entering the spotlight via "American Idol" and rising to fame through her Academy Award-winning performance as Dreamgirl Effie White, Hudson has secured her place in the wide world of music as a voice to be reckoned with.

Unfortunately, Hudson's self-titled debut is so clouded with lackluster guest spots and generic, overly produced R&B beats that there's no possible way the star can shine through.

The very first track, "Spotlight" (produced by Stargate & Ne-Yo), demonstrates what kind of emotional response is garnered when Hudson's rich, milky sound is layered on top of a computer-generated pulse — none whatsoever.

Indicative of the album as a whole, her standout vocal capacity is diminished to another voice in a crowd of breathy chorus girls and electronic beats.

The album's only standout track, "Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There," lets the singer tap into her gospel roots and finally demonstrate what she can do with only a minimalist piano/organ accompaniment and her gift for soulful song interpretation.

But what Hudson needs to realize is that she has the exact opposite problem that many of her contemporary pop starlets face in the R&B market today; she's got a big, expressive voice and knows how to use it.

Next time Hudson makes an album, she should throw away the auto-tuner and lock the door on Ne-Yo and T-Pain. All she needs to do is sing.

Melea's Picks: "Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There," "Pocketbook"

— by Melea Andrys

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Dow nosedives as bailout crashes

By **TIM PARADIS**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The failure of the bailout package in Congress literally dropped jaws on Wall Street and triggered a historic selloff — including a terrifying decline of nearly 500 points in mere minutes as the vote took place, the closest thing to panic the stock market has seen in years.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 777 points Monday, its biggest single-day fall ever, easily beating the 684 points it lost on the first day of trading after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

As uncertainty gripped investors, the credit markets, which provide the day-to-day lending that powers business in the United States, froze up even further.

At the New York Stock Exchange, traders watched with faces tense and mouths agape as TV screens showed the House vote rejecting the Bush administration's \$700 billion plan to buy up bad debt and shore up the financial industry.

Activity on the trading floor became frenetic as the "sell" orders blew in. The selling was so intense that just 162 stocks on the Big Board rose, while 3,073 dropped.

The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index recorded a paper loss of \$1 trillion across the market for the day, a first.

The Dow industrials, which were down 210 points at 1:30 p.m. EDT, plummeted as traders on Wall Street and investors across the country saw "no" votes piling up on live TV feeds of the House vote.

By 1:42 p.m., the decline was 292 points. Then the bottom fell out. Within five minutes, the index was down approximately 700 points as it became clear the bill was doomed.

"How could this have happened? Is there such a disconnect on Capitol Hill?" said Gordon Charlop, the managing director with Rosenblatt Securities. "This becomes a problem because Wall Street is very uncomfortable with uncertainty."

"The bailout not going through sends a signal that Congress isn't willing to do its part."

While investors didn't believe that the plan was a cure-all, and it could take months for its effects to be felt, most market watchers believed it was at least a start toward setting the economy right and unlocking credit.

"Clearly, something needs to be done, and the market



With Trinity Church in the background, people walk on Wall Street on Monday in New York. Wall Street's worst fears came to pass Monday, when the government's financial-bailout plan failed in Congress, and stocks plunged precipitously, hurting the Dow Jones industrials down 777.68, or 6.98 percent, to 10,365.45, the largest one-day point drop ever.

dropping 400 points in 10 minutes is telling you that," said Chris Johnson, the president of Johnson Research Group. "This isn't a market for the timid."

Before trading even began came word that Wachovia Corp., one of the biggest banks to struggle from rising mortgage losses, was being rescued in a buyout by Citigroup Inc.

That followed the recent forced sale of Merrill Lynch & Co. and the failure of three other huge banking companies — Bear Stearns Cos., Washington Mutual Inc., and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., all of them felled by bad mortgage investments.

And it raised the questions: Which banks are next and how many? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. lists more than 110 banks in trouble in the second quarter, and the number has probably grown since.

Wall Street is contending with all of it against the backdrop of a credit market — where bonds and loans are bought and sold — that is barely functioning because of fears that anyone lending money will never be paid back.

More evidence could be



Trader Michael Kilkenny (right) sits at a post after the close of trading Monday afternoon. When the government's financial bailout plan failed in Congress, stocks plunged dramatically.

found Monday in the Treasury's three-month bill, where investors were stashing money, willing to accept the tiniest of returns simply to be sure that their principal would survive. The yield on the three-month bill was 0.15 percent, down

from 0.87 percent and approaching zero, a level reached last week when fear was also running high.

Analysts said the government needs to find a way to help restore confidence in the markets.

"It's probably fair to say that we are not going to see any significant stability in the credit markets or the stock market until we see some sort of rescue package passed," said Fred Dickson, the director of retail research for D.A. Davidson & Co.

The bailout bill failed 228-205 in the House, and Democratic leaders said the House would reconvene Thursday in hopes of a quick vote on a revised bill.

"We need to put something back together that works," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said. "We need it as soon as possible."

The Dow fell 777.68 points, just shy of 7 percent, to 10,365.45, its lowest close in nearly three years. The decline also surpasses the record for the biggest decline during a trading day — 721.56 at one point on Sept. 17, 2001, when the market reopened after 9/11.

In percentage terms, it was only the 17th-biggest decline for the Dow, far less severe than the 20-plus-percent drops seen on Black Monday in 1987 and before the Great Depression.

Broader stock indicators also plummeted. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 106.62, or nearly 9 percent, to 1,106.39. It was the S&P's largest-ever point drop and its biggest percentage loss since the week after the October 1987 crash.

The NASDAQ composite index fell 199.61, more than 9 percent, to 1,983.73, its third-worst percentage decline. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 47.07, or 6.7 percent, to 657.72.

A huge drop in oil prices was another sign of the economic chaos that investors fear. Light, sweet crude fell \$10.52 to settle at \$96.36 on the New York Mercantile Exchange as investors feared energy demand would continue to slide amid further economic weakness. And gold, where investors flock when they need a relatively secure investment, rose \$23.20 to \$911.70 on the Nymex.

Marc Pado, U.S. market strategist at Cantor Fitzgerald, said investors are worried about the spread of troubles beyond banks in the U.S. to Europe and other markets. "Things are dying and breaking apart," he said.

The federal Office of Thrift Supervision, one of the government's banking regulators, indicated that the market was overreacting to the House vote and that its fears about the financial system are misplaced.

AP writers Joe Bel Bruno and Christopher S. Rugaber contributed to this report.

Heart patients more likely to suffer depression

By **JAMIE STENGLE**
Associated Press

DALLAS — Heart patients should be regularly screened for signs of depression, the American Heart Association recommended Monday.

Depression is about three times more common in heart-attack survivors and those hospitalized with heart problems than the general population, according to the recommendations published in the journal *Circulation*. The authors said only about half of heart doctors say they treat depression in their patients — and not all those diagnosed with depression are treated.

"I think we could reduce considerable suffering and improve outcomes" by screening, said Erika Froelicher, a professor of nursing at the University of California-San Francisco. "I know we can do more."

While there's no direct evidence that heart patients who are screened fare better, depression can result in poorer outcomes and a poorer quality of life, the panel said. Depressed patients may skip their medications, not change their diet or exercise, or not take part in rehabilitation programs, they said.

Anyone from cardiologists to nurses to primary-care doctors can and should be involved in determining whether a patient is depressed, said Froelicher, who was co-head of the panel



Barbara Forman sits in her office at the American Heart Association in Dayton, Ohio, on Sept. 26, where she runs the Mended Hearts program. Forman suffered from depression after her heart-bypass surgery five years ago, and she now works with others to help them through their depression.

that wrote the recommendations.

The panel suggests that heart patients be screened by first asking two standard questions: In the past two weeks,

have you had little interest or pleasure in doing things? Have you felt down, depressed, or hopeless?

If the patient answers yes to one or both, a questionnaire is

recommended to determine if the patient is depressed and the severity. If depression is indicated, the patient may need to see a professional qualified in treating depression,

"I'm thinking, is this the way it's going to be for the rest of my life? Since I've had a heart event, is my life over? It also made me afraid to do things. I didn't know how a heart attack felt. I would think, 'Is this a heart attack?'"

— Barbara Forman, 62, struggled with depression

the panel said, adding that treatment options include antidepressants, seeing a psychotherapist and exercise.

"Some physicians are qualified to treat it — others may be more comfortable referring the problem to a qualified mental-health professional," Froelicher said.

Psychiatrist Michelle Riba said the statement's emphasis on frequent screening is important.

"What you want to see in a particular patient is how they do over time," said Riba, a past president of the American Psychiatric Association, which has endorsed the heart association's recommendations.

One doctor said screening isn't enough; patients need close monitoring to make sure they get help.

"A lot of patients with depression don't follow up on it," said Dr. Mary Whooley, a professor of medicine at the University of California-San Francisco, who was not on the panel.

Barbara Forman, 62, struggled with depression after her double bypass about five years ago. She said she spent most of her time at her Englewood, Ohio, home sitting in her chair,

frequently crying for no reason. When she did get out, she was often winded, even from a walk up a sidewalk to deliver cupcakes to her grandchild's classroom.

"I'm thinking, is this the way it's going to be for the rest of my life? Since I've had a heart event, is my life over?" she said. "It also made me afraid to do things. I didn't know how a heart attack felt. I would think, 'Is this a heart attack?'"

A couple of months after she got home she called Mended Hearts, a group affiliated with the heart association that provides support to heart patients, and talked to someone who let her know depression was common in heart patients.

Her family doctor sent her to a psychologist, and after some initial reluctance, she started taking an antidepressant. That, along with starting a walking routine and volunteering with Mended Hearts and the heart association, improved her outlook.

"You can't sit in your house and just vegetate," she said. "Over the last 18 months to two years — it's really gotten better."



FIELD HOCKEY

Senior Roz Ellis named Big Ten Defensive Player of the week. **3B**

SCOREBOARD

NFL
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20, OT
MLB
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit Tigers 2

Hawks to face Ringer, Spartans



Brad Hopfinger

MEN'S GOLF

Men's golf in 5th

Day One of the Virginia Commonwealth Shootout has passed, and the Iowa men's golf team seem to be poised for another strong finish. The Hawkeyes are sitting in fifth place in the 15-team field with a score of 563 (5-under) after a long Monday that saw the teams shoot 36 holes. Iowa's performance was good enough to put it ahead of the only other participating Big Ten school, Penn State, which sits in a tie for ninth-place. It was business as usual for senior Cole Peevler, who once again carded the best score for Iowa. Peevler is in sole possession of sixth-place individually with a score of 136 (5-under). Not far behind is sophomore Vince India with a 139 (3-under). Freshman Brad George made his collegiate debut with a very solid 144 (2-over), and fellow first-year player Barrett Kelpin boasts an identical score. Chris Brant, also a freshman, will look to bounce back today after posting a 152 (10-over). Iowa hopes to finish with a strong round in today's 18-hole competition.

— by Jordan Garretson

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's golf in 10th

After the first day of the Johnnie Imes Invitational, the Iowa women's golf team stands in 10th place after two rounds. The contribution of four Hawkeyes scoring in the top 25 after the first 18 holes helped Iowa snare third place. Mississippi and Missouri were the only two teams ahead of the Hawkeyes as Iowa started the day with a team score of 301. Tyrette Metzendorf led Iowa in her first round firing a 73, while Becky Quinby, Laura Cilek and Alison Cavanaugh followed close behind with 75, 76, and 77 respectively. However, the second round of play seemed to be too much for the Hawkeyes. All the Hawkeye women carded higher scores than their initial round, except for Chelsea Harris, who improved four strokes. Metzendorf finished the day tied for 12th. Iowa will go back at it today in the final round with hopes of climbing back up among the top of the competition.

— by Krisanne Rytner

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Iowa wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos misses a pass in the end zone from quarterback Ricky Stanzi during the final moments of Iowa's game against Northwestern in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 27. The Wildcat defense stopped the Hawkeye offense eight yards shy of the end zone, and Northwestern beat Iowa, 22-17.

After a disappointing Homecoming, the Hawkeyes now shift their attention to the road, with the next contest at Michigan State.

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ly disappointing outing against the Wildcats, in which they committed five turnovers and failed to seize opportunities. "The opportunities were there," sophomore quarterback Ricky Stanzi said. "We didn't do a good job of capitalizing and kind of dug a hole for ourselves

at times there. It's really tough to get out of that hold when you keep pounding dirt on yourself. "We need to do a better job of recognizing silly mistakes and be smarter when we're out there, and understanding that you only get so many opportunities." Amid the disgust with last weekend's play, head coach Kirk Ferentz has been able to find a few positives, one of which being the way his team has presented itself through the adversity of the past two

games. "The last two weeks, I think our team's responded very favorably — not all the time, but most of the time — under some tough circumstances," Ferentz said during his postgame press conference. "If we continue to respond like that and respond during the week, we'll have a chance to shape into a good football team." For the third week in a row, the Iowa defense's ability to stop the run will be vital in

order for the Hawkeyes to end their current two-game skid. After facing the likes of Pitt running back LeSean McCoy and Northwestern's Tyrell Sutton, Iowa now has to find a way to slow down Michigan State back Javon Ringer, who leads the nation in rushing, averaging 179.4 yards per game on the ground. But while Ringer appears to present a major challenge to the Hawkeyes, the players seem confident in the game plan they have for keeping backs like him from having breakout performances.

SEE FOOTBALL, 3B

Harriers believe they can improve

The Iowa men's cross-country team still has a few things it wants to work on after the Roy Griak Invitational last weekend.

By **ZACH SMITH**

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To say the Iowa men's cross-country team took a quality trip to the Twin Cities this past weekend would be an understatement. Running for the first time this season against a field of more than three teams, Larry Wiczorek's Hawkeyes were a little unsure of what to expect going into Minnesota's Roy Griak Invitational on Sept. 27. Graced by good weather, Wiczorek's squad turned in a quality performance against more than a handful of nationally tested programs — including Auburn, Minnesota, and BYU — finishing ninth in the 25-team field. "We thought it was a good start, but we felt like we could've done better," said senior co-captain Eric MacTaggart. "We beat a few teams that were nationally ranked, and that was good." Iowa was paced by junior Jesse Luciano, who finished the 8,000-meter race in 24:40, good for 14th place in a field of roughly 200 run-

ners. The Villa Park, Ill., native broke away from Iowa's pack of runners early in the race and maintained the relentless pace from start to finish. Luciano's performance was a key in Iowa's team standing, Wiczorek said. "I thought Jesse [Luciano] was a big positive for us," the coach said. "He just kept working his way up all the way through the pack to get 14th place against a tough field."

MacTaggart was the second Hawkeye to cross the finish line, bringing with him a virtual swarm of Iowa runners. Each of the Hawkeyes' final four runners finished within 12 seconds of each other, led by MacTaggart, who finished in 25:25.



Wiczorek coach

SEE MEN'S X-COUNTRY, 3B

V-ball atop Big Ten

The Iowa volleyball team is riding high after a perfect weekend.

By **MIKE BROWNLEE**

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No. 1 Penn State. No. 12 Minnesota. Michigan State. Iowa. The list of teams atop the Big Ten standings after the first weekend of conference play has a few familiar names and one, well, that isn't so familiar. After defeating No. 18 Wisconsin on Sept. 26 and Northwestern on Sept. 27, Iowa is 2-0 and tied for the conference lead. "Those are some pretty good names to be up there with," said freshman middle blocker Malloory Husz, who provided a spark off the bench with eight kills against Wisconsin. The two Big Ten victories are twice as many as Iowa had during its 1-19 conference season in 2007, and another win would match the combined total of the previous two years. Junior outside hitter Megan Schipper said after the Wisconsin match that the difference between years past and this season is simple. "We had more confidence com-



WHITNEY WRIGHT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's Aimee Huffman attempts a spike against Northwestern's Alexandra Ayers in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sept. 27. The Hawkeyes won, 3-1, and improved to 2-0 in the Big Ten.

ing into this Big Ten match than ever before," the Aplington, Iowa, native said. "Being able to have a good record in [nonconference] against the teams that we played, they were very tough and gave us a ton of confidence." Iowa has now won seven-straight matches. During the course of this hot streak, the team is adding chapters to a program history book that had sat dormant for seven years, occasionally added to, but for the most part forgotten. The 2-0 start in Big Ten action

is the first since 2000. It's the fifth time the Hawkeyes have started Big Ten play 2-0, with the other instances coming in 1983, 1986, 1994, and that 2000 season. The seven-match winning streak is the longest that includes wins over Big Ten teams since the 1994 team won 12 straight, with the last two coming against Illinois and Purdue. The winning streak itself is

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'It was a very good performance for us, especially in the first event of the fall season.'
 - Steve Houghton, head coach

Men's tennis flashes wins

The Iowa men's tennis team thrives in its opening tournament of the fall season.

By **BRANDON HURLEY**
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To most sports teams, success is precious. And when you can enjoy it in the first tournament of the year, it is even more satisfying. The Iowa men's tennis team had exactly that satisfaction this past weekend at the Northwestern Invitational with champions in both the singles and doubles competition.

Senior Christian Bierich was champion of Flight A, and Tommy McGeorge and freshman Will Vasos teamed up to dominate the competition in Flight B doubles. "It was a very good performance for us, especially in the first event of the fall season," head coach Steve Houghton said.

McGeorge also was runner-up in singles of Flight B to help the team cruise to 26 victories in the tourney. "You never know how our guys are going to do, especially coming out in the first tourney of the year," he said. "But our guys came out and made a lot of progress." The Hawkeyes faced off against DePaul, Illinois State, Minnesota, Michigan State, Northwestern, Western Michigan, Bradley, and Toledo. Bierich alone defeated players from five of these squads en route to the Flight A championship. "It feels really good to win," Bierich said. "It's good to get a response to all my training; it's rewarding to know that my work has paid off so far."

Bierich was not the only Hawkeye to thrive against some tough competition. McGeorge and Vasos beat foes from Minnesota, Michigan State, Western Michigan, and Northwestern to claim the doubles crown.

"I was real impressed with Will [Vasos] in doubles," Bierich said. "He showed a lot of skills that we had seen in practice, but when it's competition, it's competition, and he stepped up and played really solidly. We were all excited to see Will have success in his first action."

Facing tough Big Ten opponents in the first competition of the year can be quite a large task, but the Hawkeyes handled it well.

"It's always good to compare yourself with other Big Ten teams and it was good to do well," McGeorge said. "Everyone in our conference is going to be good, and it helps us to know how we stack up against some of the competition."

Houghton was quite pleased at how well his team did.

"There was some great competition, and I am especially proud of Christian [Bierich], Tommy [McGeorge] and Will [Vasos] and for what they accomplished at this very competitive tournament," the coach said.

With the opening tourney of the fall season, preseason jitters are a given. If that was true of the Hawkeyes this past weekend, it wasn't very evident.

"When it comes to competition, it's all about nerves," Bierich said. "Everyone was a little tense at the beginning, but it is good to get those first-match jitters out of the way early."

Iowa will return to the court this coming weekend at the All-American Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Tampa Bay	97	65	.599	—
y-Boston	95	67	.586	2
New York	89	73	.549	8
Toronto	86	76	.531	11
Baltimore	68	93	.422	28½

CENTRAL DIVISION

Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	88	74	.543	—
Minnesota	88	74	.543	—
Cleveland	81	81	.500	7
Kansas City	75	87	.463	13
Detroit	74	88	.457	14

WEST DIVISION

x-Los Angeles	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	100	62	.617	—
Texas	79	83	.488	21
Oakland	75	86	.466	24½
Seattle	61	101	.377	39

Monday's Game

Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 2

Today's Game

Minnesota (Blackburn 11-10) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 11-9), 6:35 p.m.

End Regular Season

2008 POSTSEASON BASEBALL

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5)

NOTE: Wild card teams play teams with best records unless in same division and wild card may not have home-field advantage.

American League

Los Angeles vs. Boston

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Boston (Lester 16-6) at Los Angeles (Lackey 12-5), 9:07 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3

Boston (Matsuzaka 18-3) at Los Angeles, 8:37 p.m.

Los Angeles at Boston (Beckett 12-10), TBA

Monday, Oct. 6

Los Angeles at Boston, TBA, if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Los Angeles at Boston, TBA, if necessary

Chicago vs. AL Central Champion

Thursday, Oct. 2

Chicago or Minnesota at Tampa Bay (Kazmir 12-8 or Shields 14-8), 1:37 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3

Chicago or Minnesota at Tampa Bay (Kazmir 12-8 or Shields 14-8), 5:07 p.m.

American League

Tampa Bay at Chicago or Minnesota, TBA

Monday, Oct. 6

Tampa Bay at Chicago or Minnesota, TBA, if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Chicago or Minnesota at Tampa Bay, TBA, if necessary

National League

Chicago vs. Los Angeles

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Los Angeles (Lowe 14-11) at Chicago (Dempster 17-6), 5:37 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3

Los Angeles (Billingsley 16-10) at Chicago (Zambrano 14-6), 8:37 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Chicago (Harden 5-1) at Los Angeles (Kuroda 9-10), 9:07 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5

Chicago at Los Angeles, TBA, if necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Los Angeles at Chicago, TBA, if necessary

Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Milwaukee at Philadelphia (Harnels 14-10), 2:07 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 5:07 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 5:37 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5

Philadelphia at Milwaukee, TBA, if necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary

WNBA PLAYOFFS GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-3)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. New York

Friday, Sept. 26: New York 60, Detroit 56

Sunday, Sept. 28: Detroit 64, New York 55

Monday, Sept. 29: Detroit 75, New York 73, Detroit wins series 2-1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 2, Los Angeles 1

Thursday, Sept. 25: Los Angeles 85, San Antonio 70

Saturday, Sept. 27: San Antonio 67, Los Angeles 66

Sunday, Oct. 28: San Antonio 76, Los Angeles 72

FINALS (Best-of-5)

San Antonio vs. Detroit

Wednesday, Oct. 1: Detroit at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3: Detroit at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5: San Antonio at Detroit, 3:45 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6: San Antonio at Detroit, 6:45 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, Oct. 9: Detroit at San Antonio, 6:45 p.m., if necessary

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	0	0	1.000	109	63
New England	2	1	0	.667	49	58
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	115	116
Miami	1	2	0	.333	62	64

South

Tennessee	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	4	0	0	1.000	102	46
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	79	85
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	52	67
Houston	0	3	0	.000	56	99

North

Pittsburgh	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	77	58
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	65	43
Cleveland	1	3	0	.250	46	78
Cincinnati	0	4	0	.000	52	87

West

Denver	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	3	1	0	.750	133	117
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	138	112
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	78	101
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	65	97

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000	83	43
Washington	3	1	0	.750	86	81
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	120	89
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	110	74

South

Carolina	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	3	1	0	.750	80	70
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	101	78
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	111	100
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	90	83

North

Chicago	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	94	80
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	109	101
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	71	82
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	59	113

West

Arizona	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	106	103
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	94	97
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	77	80
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	43	147

Monday's Game

Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20, OT

Sunday, Oct. 5

Chicago at Detroit, 12 p.m.

San Diego at Miami, 12 p.m.

Atlanta at Green Bay, 12 p.m.

Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 12 p.m.

Tennessee at Baltimore, 12 p.m.

Indianapolis at Houston, 12 p.m.

Kansas City at Carolina, 12 p.m.

Washington at Philadelphia, 12 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Denver, 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.

Buffalo at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.

New England at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7:15 p.m.

Open: N.Y. Jets, Oakland, St. Louis, Cleveland

Monday, Oct. 6

Minnesota at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

TEXAS RANGERS—Announced Art Howe, bench coach, and Matt Walbeck, third base coach, will not return next season.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Announced the resignation of Paul Godfrey, president, effective at the end of the year. Acquired LHP Fabio Castro from Philadelphia to complete an earlier trade.

National League

FLORIDA MARLINS—Released RHP Sergio Mitre.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Fired Jeff Andrews, pitching coach, and Lou Frazier, first base coach.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kyle Lohse on a four-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Announced the contract of Craig Colbert, bench coach, will not be renewed.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Re-signed G Sam Cassell.

DETROIT PISTONS—Signed G Alex Acker.

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Agreed to terms with F Joey Dorsey. Signed C Marcus Campbell and G Von Wafer.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Signed F Brent Petway.

MIAMI HEAT—Announced the resignation of Randy Pfund, general manager.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed F Corey Underwood.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Suspended New York Jets S Eric Smith one game and fined him \$50,000 for a flagrant violation of player safety rules during a Sept. 28 game against Arizona.

NEW YORK JETS—Released P Ben Graham. Re-signed OL Will Montgomery. Released WR Paul Raymond from the practice squad.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Fired Scott Linehan, coach. Named Jim Haslett interim coach.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed RB Matt Lawrence to the practice squad. Waived RB Venson Bernard from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Assigned LW Michal Birner, C Eric Boguniecki, D John de Gray, G J.P. Levasseur, D Ross Lupaschuk, D Brendan Mikkelson, D Brian Salcido and C Petteri Wirtanen to Iowa (AHL). Assigned C Maxime Maceneauer to Rouyn Noranda (QMJHL) and LW Logan MacMillan to Halifax (QMJHL).

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

WHICH BIG TEN BACK IS BETTER NOW?

GREENE IS SO IN

Now, I may not be a fashion expert, but I do know what the hot color is in the Big Ten this fall. Greene is SO in.

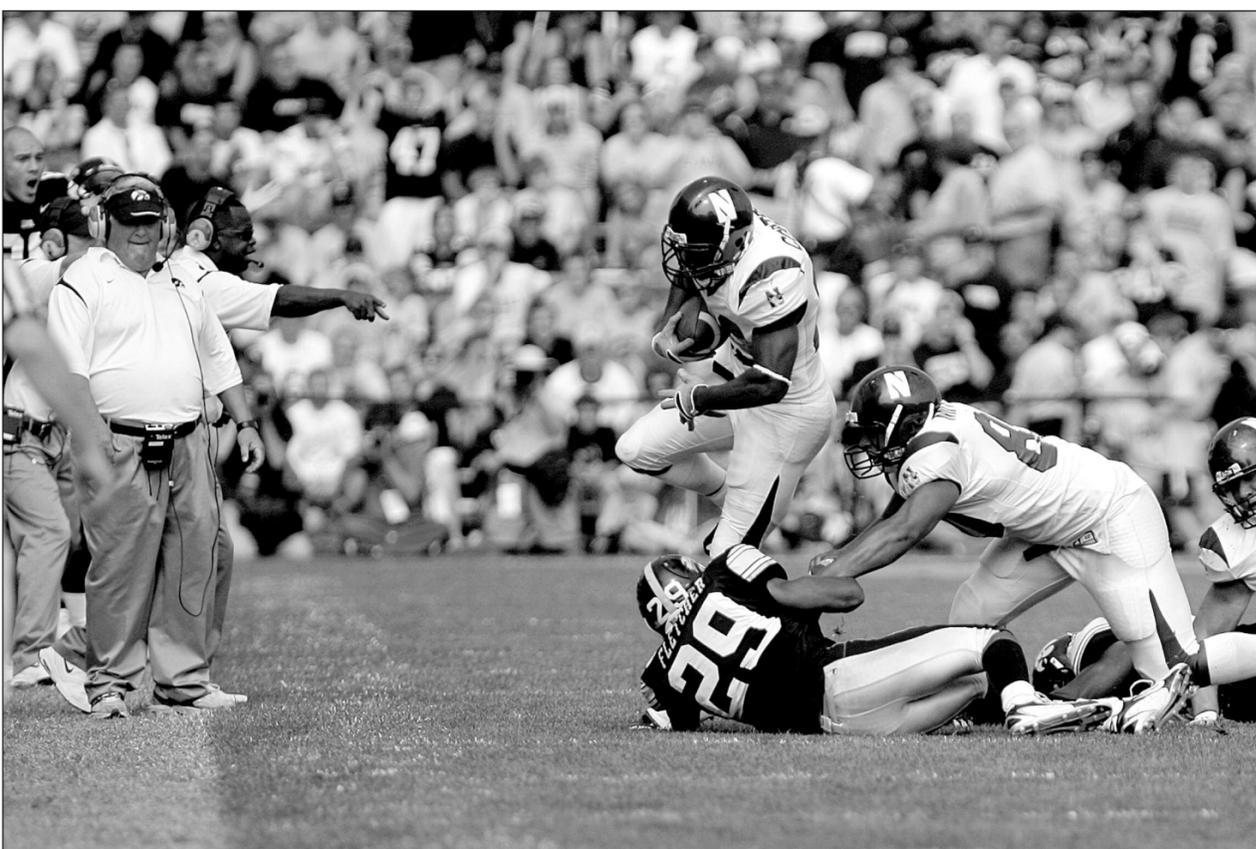
Currently the sixth-leading rusher in the country, Iowa running back Shonn Greene has nearly erased all doubts regarding his return to college football. In five games, he has gotten the ball 99 times, running for 665 yards and five touchdowns. This equals a phenomenal 6.7 yards per carry. No player in the country has a higher average per attempt while carrying the ball as many times as Greene.

Greene has also forced his way into the national top five despite having the fewest number of carries among true running backs (Navy's Shun White has 74 carries, but Navy utilizes an option run attack.)

Fellow Big Ten back Javon Ringer has more than 200 yards Greene's total. However, the Spartan workhorse has carried the ball 187 times, almost twice as many times as Greene. If Greene continued to run at the same rate with as many carries, he would already have more than 1,200 yards on the year.

Greene has also been able to get off to his exceptional start despite rarely knowing who the hell is going to be handing him the ball. Meanwhile, the job security of the Michigan State quarterback, Brian Hoyer, has been in little doubt since the beginning of the season.

Hawks ready for Spartan diet



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa defensive back Bradley Fletcher grabs the ankles of Northwestern running back Omar Conteh in the middle of the fourth quarter on Sept. 27 in Kinnick Stadium. Conteh's two-yard run was followed by a touchdown pass from C.J. Bacher to wide receiver Eric Peterman, helping the Wildcats win, 22-17.

FOOTBALL

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"We just need to continue to wrap up and get some hits on the guy," said sophomore defensive end Christian Ballard. "I think if we just continue with our strategy from this week and carry it over next week, then I

think we'll do well."

As for heading back out on the road, and doing so after two-straight defeats, the players feel this stretch they're about to embark on will speak volumes about the level of success Iowa will have during the rest of the 2008 season.

"Two back-to-back losses, no team wants that, especially the

way we've had them these last two games," sophomore defensive back Brett Greenwood said. "It's just going to test our character, and we're going to see what kind of team we really are."

For your viewing pleasure

Just as with the first five Iowa games, the next two

games on the road against Michigan State and Indiana will have 11 a.m. kickoffs. This weekend's game with the Spartans in East Lansing will be televised by ESPN2. The Oct. 11 contest at Indiana will be carried by the Big Ten Network, marking the first time an Iowa road football game has ever appeared on the channel.

Volleyball scaling heights

VOLLEYBALL

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the longest since the 2006 team won nine straight.

Iowa's victory over Wisconsin was the first in 26 tries, a streak that extended back to 1994, when the Hawkeyes downed the Badgers in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa beat Northwestern after losing the previous five matchups. The last win before Sept. 27 was in 2005, when the Hawkeyes won in Evanston.

Before dropping the first set to the Wildcats, Iowa had won 15-straight sets, the longest streak since 1990, when Iowa won 22 straight.

And Iowa defeated a ranked opponent for the second year in a row. Iowa defeated No. 11 Michigan at home last year. Before that, Iowa hadn't beaten a ranked foe since 2000, when it defeated No. 20 Michigan State.



WHITNEY WRIGHT/THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa volleyball team huddles just before the end of the first set of the Iowa/Northwestern volleyball game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sept. 27. The win over the Wildcats doubled Iowa's win total during Big Ten play one year ago.

"We're a whole different team this year," sophomore Aimee Huffman said. "It's going to keep happening. We're going to keep on winning."

At 10-4 overall, Iowa has won

one more game than a year ago (9-22). The win total is tied for the third highest since Iowa last had a winning record (2000), and the season isn't halfway over.

"We're feeling confident," senior

setter Kiley Fister said. "What's getting us these wins is the feeling of confidence and the feeling that we CAN play at this level and win at this level."

As confident as the Hawkeyes are, 2-0 isn't 20-0, and the road ahead is longer than the one already traversed.

"We have to come to practice and work our tails off," head coach Sharon Dingman said. "You play in the Big Ten because you want the kind of challenges that we're about to face."

Harriers see improvement

MEN'S X-COUNTRY

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"Our 2 through 5 runners were in a good, tight pack, but we want to move that pack up," Wiczorek said.

Perhaps the most uplifting performance was turned in by sophomore Sam Bailin. The Urbandale native kept pace with MacTaggart and blazed across the finish line with a time of 25:27, saving the Hawkeyes some valuable points. Bailin is a prime example of the pack mentality Wiczorek

stresses to his team.

"Sam Bailin has been a remarkable story for us," Wiczorek said. "Last year, he was just trying to make the team and show he could compete at this level. This meet had hundreds of guys running and about 30 teams ... He showed that he can turn in a big performance and I think that is very important."

Iowa also welcomed back co-captain Andy Napier to the lineup for the first time this year. After nursing a sore knee for the first four weeks of the season, Napier made the most of his senior debut,

playing an instrumental role in Iowa's strong team effort, finishing in 25:37.

"It was really big for us [to get him back in the lineup]," Wiczorek said. "You could see he was a little rusty, but I think he will run a lot better [Saturday at Auburn]. With [Napier] in the lineup, we feel like we can just keep getting better."

Iowa will travel to Auburn, Ala. this coming weekend for the Auburn Invitational on Oct. 4.

keeping the backfield organized and taking charge of the tempo of the game."

This is the fourth different Hawkeye to receive a Player of the Week recognition. Seniors Caitlin McCurdy and Caroline Blaum both were honored as Offensive Players of the Week earlier in the season, while junior Meghan Beamesderfer earned defensive-player honors last week.

- by Jeff Pawola

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Alexei Ramirez slam propels White Sox

By RICK GANO
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Alexei Ramirez spread his arms wide and raced around the bases like a little kid. The White Sox would play one more day.

Ramirez set a rookie record with his fourth grand slam of the season, and Chicago beat Detroit, 8-2, in a rainout make-up Monday, forcing a one-game tiebreaker against Minnesota for the AL Central title.

The Twins will visit the White Sox tonight, with John Danks starting for Chicago on three days' rest against Nick Blackburn. The division champ will begin the playoffs at Tampa Bay on Thursday.

A day after the regular season ended for everyone else, the White Sox and Twins find themselves tied at 88-74.

Washed out earlier this month, Chicago and Detroit

waited through a rain delay of more than three hours before starting. Gavin Floyd (17-8) won on three days' rest — short rest has been successful trend for many teams in the stretch.

The loss left the Tigers in last place, capping a season they began with hopes of reaching the World Series.

Detroit, with nothing really to play for, took a 2-1 lead into the sixth. But former White Sox ace Freddy Garcia, who'd allowed only two hits to that point, had to leave with tightness in his right shoulder with a runner on second and no outs.

And then things got wild. Tiger manager Jim Leyland summoned Armando Galarraga (13-7) — the team's best starter this season — and he threw two wild pitches that allowed the tying run to score.

After Jermaine Dye walked, Bobby Seay relieved and threw Detroit's third wild pitch of the



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicago White Sox's Alexei Ramirez reacts after hitting a grand slam during the sixth inning against the Detroit Tigers in Chicago on Monday. The White Sox will meet the Minnesota Twins tonight in a one-game playoff.

inning. Jim Thome struck out, but after an intentional walk to

Paul Konerko, Seay also walked Ken Griffey Jr. to load the bases.

Ramirez sent the first pitch from Gary Glover, another former White Sox pitcher, into the left-center field bleachers, setting off a happy trip around the bases for the rookie from Cuba, whose nickname is the "Cuban Missile."

Ramirez clapped his hands in glee and leaped into the arms of Konerko at the plate as a crowd announced at 35,923 cheered.

A.J. Pierzynski hit an RBI double in a two-run eighth.

Floyd gave up five hits and one earned in six innings. He struck out eight and walked two while throwing 118 pitches.

Floyd's error helped Detroit take a 2-1 lead in the sixth. Miguel Cabrera doubled with one out, then Marcus Thames hit a hard liner that White Sox third baseman Juan Uribe snagged for the second out.

When Ryan Raburn hit a slow roller between the plate and mound, Floyd bobbed the ball

while reaching down to pick it up and threw high past Konerko at first, allowing Cabrera to score.

Chicago scored in the first but had a much bigger inning brewing when the first three batters reached against Garcia. He walked Orlando Cabrera and DeWayne Wise before Dye hit an RBI single, but retired the next three batters.

Detroit tied it in the fifth as Raburn singled, stole second, and scored when Brandon Inge doubled to left over the leaping Wise.

After his early struggles, Garcia rebounded, retiring 11 straight before Griffey singled with two outs in the fourth.

Garcia was 40-21 with Chicago from 2004-06 and won three games in the postseason of 2005, including the clinching Game 4 of the World Series. He is close friends with White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen and they texted each other leading up to the game.

Hapless Rams ax Linehan

By R.B. FALLSTROM
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — After experiencing the wild highs and lows of the Mike Martz years, the winless St. Louis Rams opted for cool, calm, reserved Scott Linehan as their next coach.

On Monday, they admitted their mistake and fired Linehan after four-consecutive lopsided losses to open the season. Defensive coordinator Jim Haslett, a fiery type and polar opposite in terms of demeanor, was hired as interim coach, given the unenviable task of trying to revive a franchise that has become an NFL doormat.

The Rams have lost 17 of their last 20 games, most of them routs. But no matter how dire the situation appears, Haslett said it'll never be as bad as in his final season as head coach of the New Orleans Saints in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"This is nothing compared to that," he said.

Linehan, 45, was 11-25 in the third season of a four-year contract that paid him around \$8 million. The Rams have been outscored 147-43 this season, and they have allowed at least 30 points in seven-straight games dating back to last year.

The move was made heading into the Rams' bye week and in the early morning hours Monday, several hours after the Buffalo Bills outscored them 25-0 in the second half of a 31-14 victory.

The Rams were 3-13 in 2007, and they have lost eight in a row dating to last season. Dissension had been building after unsuccessful stabs by Linehan at a makeover: several new assistants, a remote training camp site, a higher-energy, upbeat delivery by the coach to project confidence and enthusiasm.

Linehan turned to desperation after the Rams were

outscored 116-29 the first three games. Quarterback Marc Bulger, the highest-paid player in franchise history, was benched in favor of 38-year-old Trent Green. Starting cornerback Fakhir Brown, a Haslett favorite, was released, and there were four other lineup changes.

Running back Steven Jackson ripped Linehan on his weekly radio show for benching Bulger, and there were reports Bulger no longer wanted to play for Linehan. Bulger has not spoken to media since the benching.

"He took 100 percent responsibility for the failures of this organization, but we're all culpable," owner Chip Rosenbloom said. "We all share in the responsibilities of losing games. That includes the coaches, it includes the players, it includes the administration, it includes the ownership."

That hints at more changes coming down the line. Jay Zygmunt, they president of football operations and in his 27th year with the team, is drawing heat for poor draft-day performances. President John Shaw, who spends much of his time on the West Coast, is contemplating retirement after the season.

A sign at Sunday's home game read: "Congress: Now bail out the Rams."

Linehan briefly addressed players for about 10 minutes Monday morning before driving away from Rams Park without speaking to reporters or even making eye contact.

"He just told us that we're winners," said rookie defensive end Chris Long, Linehan's last first-round pick. "We're not winning right now, but there's winners in the room."

"He's going to do well, he's going to find a place where it's going right."

Given the Rams' weak play on defense, the 52-year-old Haslett is an unusual choice on the surface. He has head-coach-

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- Chip Rosenbloom, owner

ing experience, winning 45 games in six seasons for the Saints from 2000-05, but the defense is ranked 31st out of 32 teams despite a pair of young first-rounders, Long and Adam Carriker, on the line.

Typically blunt, the former NFL linebacker is far from pleased.

"Come on, the first three games we played poorly," Haslett said. "I thought we played pretty good yesterday. It's something we can build on."

Haslett was in bed when Rosenbloom telephoned at 1:15 a.m. Monday to offer the job, including a say in personnel matters. He expects to do a much better job in his second head coaching stint, and will be less secretive, too, opening practices to media. Rick Venturi, assistant head coach and linebackers coach, was elevated to defensive coordinator.

Haslett will convene his first team meeting Tuesday. He wants to discuss matters with the coaching staff before choosing a quarterback for the Rams' next game, Oct. 12 at Washington, and he would like to re-sign Brown.

Haslett said the Rams' talent is comparable with that of the

Bills, who are 4-0.

"They have a couple of things we don't have right now," Haslett said. "They've got great confidence, they've got great swagger, they've got poise and they think they can win. Right now, we're not at that level."

The Linehan era will be remembered as a mostly dreary time for the franchise. Martz helped the Rams win their only Super Bowl after the 1999 season and then led them to a second Super Bowl as coach in the 2001 season with an offense known as the "Greatest Show on Turf."

The Rams were 8-8 in 2006, Linehan's first season, rallying to win four of their last six games after Linehan turned over play-calling duties to offensive coordinator Greg Olson. Numerous offensive line injuries, beginning with seven-time Pro Bowl tackle Orlando Pace's season-ending shoulder injury in the opener, paved the way for the 2007 disaster. Linehan again relinquished the play-calling before this season, replacing Olson with Al Saunders.

He knew his job was in jeopardy Sunday, having been put on notice by Rosenbloom. So he emptied the playbook, going for first downs twice on fourth down and using a handful of trick plays, energizing the team, but only for one half, when it led 14-6.

The firing was the second in-season coaching change by the Rams this decade. Martz was replaced by interim coach Joe Vitt after five games in 2005 due to medical reasons, and then was fired the day after the season.

The last Rams coach removed during the season for non-medical reasons was Bob Waterfield, replaced by Harland Svare after eight games in 1962 when the franchise was in Los Angeles.

Jag's Collier paralyzed after shooting

By RON WORD
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville Jaguars offensive tackle Richard Collier, shot earlier this month, is paralyzed below the waist and had his left leg amputated.

Dr. Andy Kerwin, a surgeon for the University of Florida at Shands Jacksonville hospital, said Collier, who had 14 bullet wounds, is now in good condition after being previously listed in critical condition.

Kerwin said Collier had bullet wounds to the back, left groin, left legs, and right buttock. In addition, a bullet severed his spinal cord, paralyzing him from the waist down. The amputation was the result of damage to his left leg and groin, which had blood clots.

The 26-year-old Collier had five bullets removed from his urinary bladder and suffered bouts of pneumonia, infections, and renal failure.

The player will undergo physical therapy to learn to get from his bed to a wheelchair. He will never walk again, the doctor said.

Collier was on a ventilator for about three weeks and has no memory of the shooting, Kerwin said.

"His overall condition has improved greatly," Kerwin said. "We expect him to be discharged soon."

Collier's agent, Jeff Jankovich, said the player's family wanted to make sure Collier understood what had happened to him before releasing it to the public. He said they even kept the Jaguars in the dark.

"He has extreme grief for a lifetime of dreams he won't be able to fulfill," the agent said.

Jankovich refused to say when Collier would be released, citing security concerns.

Jaguar coach Jack Del Rio and several players attended the news conference.

"It's a tragedy this young man was caught up in this violence," Del Rio said. "It's a great tragedy for a young man who had such a promising future."

Offensive tackle Tony Pashos said, "It has been difficult. I think about him a lot."

Collier and former teammate Kenneth Pettway were waiting for two women outside an apartment complex early Sept. 2 when a gunman fired into the vehicle, according to the Jacksonville

Sheriff's Office. Pettway was not injured.

The motive behind the attack on Collier is unknown, but investigators said earlier he appeared to be targeted. Police have made no arrests in the shooting.

Collier was in his third year with the NFL after graduating from Valdosta State.

Collier was the third NFL player shot in the past 18 months. Washington Redskin star Sean Taylor was fatally shot during what police said was a botched burglary attempt at his Miami-area home in November. Bronco cornerback Darrent Williams was killed when his rented limousine was sprayed with bullets minutes after leaving a New Year's party at a club in 2007.

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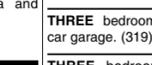
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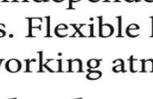
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