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— Troy Kelsay, Iowa City police sergeant



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Firefighter Darrall Brick backs a truck into the fire station garage after routine inspections on Tuesday. Depending on the type of truck, refueling with diesel can cost around \$400.

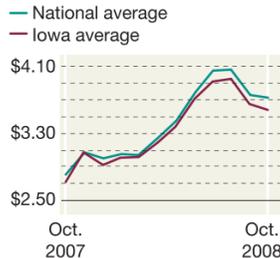
## Fuel prices crimp responders

Local police and firefighters don't have many choices to avoid high fuel prices.

**Rising prices**

While Iowa City has the highest gas prices in Iowa, the state measures up with the national average.

**Average gas prices**  
October 2007-October 2008



Source: AAA fuel gauge report  
Jessica Baker/The Daily Iowan

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Iowa City has some of the highest fuel prices in the state, causing local police and fire departments to search for different ways to reduce fuel consumption.

"Our expenditures for gas have increased significantly, and it's a concern that has been being discussed since summer," said Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay.

While he didn't have numbers for the fiscal 2008 budget, he said, the department spent significantly more than the prior year.

The increased costs leave

**ON DAILY IOWAN TV**

Daily Iowan TV speaks with Assistant City Manager Dale Helling about the city's fuel situation. Check it out on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

the department with few options, Kelsay said. To cover high gas prices, the department can either cut fuel and expenditures, reallocate existing resources, or bring in additional income.

"It's just tough, because the police department can't generate money for itself to cover fuel prices," he said.

Another possible solution to cut costs is to replace officers patrolling in cars with those on foot or bikes. Rather

than using eight patrol vehicles, the department can use four cars, two foot-patrol officers, and two officers on bikes, Kelsay said.

However, there is a set geographical area that the department covers, and sending four cars out increases the area each officers watches.

"At the end of the night, you've used as much or more gas than you would with eight cars," Kelsay said. "Alternatives look good on paper, but they all come at a cost that decreases our service to the community."

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## Mills firing irks many

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UI Professor Michael Lewis-Beck, a friend of recently terminated UI General Counsel Marcus Mills, has started a petition to reinstate the former administrator. As of late Tuesday night, the petition had upwards of 70 signatures from professors, secretaries, physicians, and lawyers, Lewis-Beck said.

The UI political-science professor said the appeal garners 20 to 30 signatures per day, and interest hasn't peaked yet.

"It's just something I had to do," he said, adding that he's impressed with the support the appeal has garnered thus far. "Their message is that they're outraged; they can't believe this has happened."

"Marc was fired at the snap of a finger. No chance of rebuttal or due process."

UI history Professor Katherine Tachau said that if people read the Stolar report and the responses given by Mills and Phillip Jones, the former UI vice president for Student Services, they would be able to see that things went awry.

"Due process wasn't followed and should be in making such a momentous change," she said.

Although some faculty members are against the termination of Mills, the state Board of Regents praised UI President Sally Mason for her decision to fire Mills and Jones last week.



**Lewis-Beck**  
UI political-science professor

SEE **FIRING**, 3A

## TA targeted by vicious graffito

A UI teaching assistant responds to anti-gay graffiti written about her in a UI building's restroom.

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Beth Skinner said she felt "complete disbelief" after hearing someone had written an anti-gay message about her on a chalkboard in a North Hall men's restroom.

The chalked message read: "Beth Skinner is a cunt-licking dyke."

"They were real powerful words," she said. "It was like double trouble."

The UI teaching assistant said social work is generally known for standing up against prejudice and that the school would "never let it be brushed under the rug."

Skinner is sticking to that philosophy by openly discussing the harassment with faculty members and students.

"[The School of Social Work] is really the last place I expect-

ed someone to write something so hateful," she said, adding that she hopes to educate others and let them know she's taking a stand rather than "hiding and acting like it never happened."

Ed Saunders, the director of the school, said it participated in a program called the "Safe Zone" several years ago to educate faculty on responsiveness to similar issues.

Saunders said it was "probably time to review" the program, and he believes sensitivity and keeping a safe environment were key things to keep in mind when incidents such as this surface.



**Skinner**  
UI teaching assistant

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## UI aims to create standard writing test



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Students at Roosevelt Elementary work on class projects on Sept. 24. The number of computers in schools has dramatically increased in the past few years, a possible explanation for the recent decline in reading proficiency ratings.

**UI test to improve writing in schools**

UI officials have proposed a writing composition test for students.

- Details of the test include:**
- Administered to third-, sixth-, and 10th-graders by 2009-10 school year.
  - Students would be graded on vocabulary, sentence structure, and punctuation.
  - Would include creative, persuasive, and explanatory writing.
  - The new test would have no connection to other standardized tests

Source: Catherine Welch, professor in the Iowa Testing Programs and head of the initiative

SEE **WRITING**, 3A



# Not exactly counting sheep

## A West High School student turns sleep deprivation into two national prizes.

By JENNIFER DELGADO  
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Falling asleep at the wheel may have been the best accident in Qiushuang Jin's life.

The mishap cost the West High senior \$1,200 in damages, but it eventually led to a pair of national accolades.

The American Statistical Association awarded Jin first place in its national 2008 Poster and Project Competition last month. The recognition comes from research she conducted on sleep deprivation for high-school students taking Advanced Placement, college, or early morning classes.

The 17-year-old from China crashed into the vehicle in front of her during her sophomore year. Driving to the library to study, Jin said she could barely keep her eyes open. All the work from her three AP classes and countless extracurricular activities left her with sleepless nights.

"I didn't know what I was getting into," the high-school senior said. "I realize now that I was not psychologically ready."

Following her passion for research and statistics, Jin decided to find out if students similar her suffered from a lack of sleep.

Before her junior year, Jin researched the correlation between students taking advanced and college-preparatory classes and the amount of sleep they received. She sent out e-mails to more than 400 Iowa high-school principals asking them to approve a student questionnaire. Fifteen responded and agreed to participate in the survey.



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

West High senior Qiushuang Jin sits amid scattered papers as she prepares college applications in her Iowa City home on Tuesday. Jin took first place in the American Statistical Association's 2008 Poster and Project Competition for her study on how Advanced Placement and college-prep courses affect the sleep habits of high-school students. Her research will be published in the December edition of *The Journal of School Nursing*.

In her junior year, Jin enrolled in statistics classes at the UI for fun. Then, she discovered the American Statistical Association's competition and decided to enter. Her professor, Kate Cowles, assisted Jin as a mentor to both the poster and written submission.

Within months, Jin received more than 2,000 completed questionnaires. The data showed that most students with advanced classes averaged seven hours of sleep instead of the recommended nine from the National Sleep Foundation.

Jin said she was shocked to read the questionnaires and learn that some students with an overload of rigorous classes

received only three hours of sleep per night.

After the contest, one judge was impressed with the senior's work and agreed to publish her research in the December edition of *The Journal of School Nursing*.

"She did the statistic analysis herself, and to be published in the journal is remarkable," said Cowles, a UI associate professor of statistics and actuarial science.

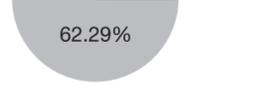
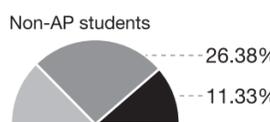
In her final year at West, Jin is balancing four AP classes, participating in a group that educates others about the crisis in Darfur, and choosing the right college. Although she said she will not major in statistics, she plans on using it with a career in

### Insufficient sleep

West High senior Qiushuang Jin conducted a study that shows students taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes are severely sleep-deprived.

#### Jin's sleep statistics

- insufficient
- borderline
- optimal



Source: Qiushuang Jin

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

# UI No. 4 in sexual-health ranks

## Trojan ranking place the UI at No. 4 on a list of sexually healthy universities.

By LAUREN SIEBEN  
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With ample access to sexual-health resources, the UI is now near the top of a nationwide ranking among universities and colleges.

Trojan condom's 2008 Sexual Health Report Card ranked the UI fourth, jumping 17 spots from its No. 21 ranking in 2007. The UI ranked second in 2006.

UI Student Health Director David Braun said that despite the spike in rankings, Student Health has not drastically changed its sexual-health program in the past year, aside from implementing a peer education program called Health Ninjas.

"I think [the rankings] are affirmation to our staff that their efforts are not going unnoticed or are being noticed in a positive way," Braun said.

Bert Sperling has worked with Trojan since 2006 to develop its Sexual Health

Report Card. The rankings mostly look at the sexual-health programs and websites available to university students, he said.

"The overarching thing in mind was, 'Are the students being provided with good information ... so they can make their own decisions about sexual health,'" Sperling said. "We didn't make any judgments about what the students should do or anything like that."

The rankings do not take information about students' sexual behavior into account but focus mostly on factors such as on-campus availability of sexually transmitted infection testing and student peer groups.

Sperling said that a jump from 21 to 4 in the ranking is not abnormal on a list of 139 colleges and universities.

"[The UI] has hardly bumped out of the 15th percentile," he said. "If it had gone down from 1 to 100, then back up again, I guess I'd be more concerned about the volatility of the rankings."

Sperling said that changes in study procedures may have caused the drastic increase in rankings. The report card considered feedback from students

for the first time this year.

Sperling's research firm paid to advertise on Facebook, and more than 9,000 students responded to the call for feedback.

"This really provides a great insight to how students feel about their particular health center," Sperling said.

University health centers also had the chance to communicate with the researchers about their programs. Sperling's firm contacted health centers via telephone and through the mail with questionnaires.

Although the UI ranked high on Trojan's list, not all UI students agree that Student Health promotes its services enough.

"I honestly don't know much about Student Health, period, unless I seek it out," UI junior Mallory Walker said. "I think if I knew about it and I knew for sure what they did there, I would definitely take advantage of it, because it's supposed to be, like, free."

Braun said the rankings are unlikely to influence sexual-health programming.

"If we were declining in a study like that, we would re-evaluate our strategies and try to brainstorm some other methods," he said. "But because

### UI ranks fourth in sexual-health survey by Trojan condoms

More than 130 colleges measured for student rankings, STD testing services, and contraception availability. Here's how they placed:

1. Stanford University
2. Columbia University
3. Cornell University
4. University of Iowa
5. University of Denver
6. University of Connecticut
7. West Virginia University
8. University of South Carolina-Columbia
9. University of Georgia
10. University of Wyoming

Source: Trojan

### ON DAILY IOWAN TV

Daily Iowan TV has a feature about the UI's sex report card on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

we've been increasing in that study, it's sort of reaffirming to our Student Health Service team that we're progressing in education on sexual health throughout campus."

The UI ranked behind Stanford University, Columbia University, and Cornell University in the report card.

### METRO

#### Student faces numerous charges

A UI student who threw a stuffed dog out of his apartment and allegedly broke into his next-door neighbor's apartment last week now faces numerous charges, police said.

Police charged Tyler Piech, 22, 210 S. Clinton St. Apt. 601, with third-degree criminal mischief, trespassing, and possession of marijuana.

On Sept. 24, Iowa City police said Piech allegedly entered his neighbor's apartment through an unlocked patio door. While in the apartment, he took a fire extinguisher and discharged it, causing \$570 worth of damage, authorities said.

When officers arrived at the scene that night, they said Piech came out of his apartment and said he was the suspect. Piech "appeared to be delusional and out of touch with reality," authorities said.

Officers said they found knives stabbed into the walls next to incoherent writings in his apartment, papers scattered on the floor, and marijuana.

Piech was taken to the UI Hospitals and Clinics for evaluation.

Third-degree criminal mischief is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine up to

\$6,250. Trespassing and possession of marijuana are both serious misdemeanors punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$1,875.

— by Ashton Shurston

#### 2 face drug charges

Iowa City police arrested two men late Monday night after allegedly finding methamphetamine and marijuana in their house while searching the residence for a missing juvenile, authorities said Tuesday.

Shamma Finch, 22, and Travis Schaapveld, 20, 514 S. Clinton St., were charged with keeping a drug house and possession of methamphetamine. Schaapveld was also charged with possession of marijuana.

Police said they responded to Finch's and Schaapveld's residence to look for a missing juvenile. When officers arrived, they reportedly found the juvenile and smelled burned marijuana.

Officers searched the house and allegedly found marijuana, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia, authorities said.

Schaapveld allegedly admitted that he had used marijuana and methamphetamine and said he was caring for his 14-year-old "aunt," who he allowed to use drugs and live at the residence.

Keeping a drug house is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine up to \$6,250. Possession of methamphetamine and marijuana are serious misdemeanors punishable by up to one year in prison and a fine up to \$1,875.

— by Ashton Shurston

#### Police search for suspects in assault

Iowa City police said Tuesday they're looking for suspects and witnesses after two men were assaulted near the Pedestrian Mall late last week.

Police said two men were walking near College and Clinton Streets in the early morning hours of Sept. 26 when a group of six college-age men approached them.

The group accused the men of dancing with one of the suspect's girlfriends. The two men denied the accusation, police said.

As one of the victims tried to grab his friend and leave, one of the suspects punched him. Other members of the group then started striking the man, knocking him to the ground.

The man told police he recalls being at Martini's, 127 E. College St., trying to get help. Another friend drove him to the hospital, police said.

The injured man was hospitalized at UI Hospitals and Clinics with serious

injuries, including broken facial bones that required surgery.

— by Ashton Shurston

#### Ex-dean leaves \$2 million to UI

A former UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean has left a \$2 million gift as his last one after 70 years of involvement with the UI.

The Dewey Stuit estate gift was one of several existing funds given to the UI Foundation. Many of his gifts provide scholarship and support for students, professors, and the UI Museum of Art, in addition to six UI departments.

Stuit gave gifts to the UI for 53 consecutive years, which totaled more than \$1.3 million.

"I have often looked forward to Dewey for inspiration and guidance, and his and [his wife's] financial support has helped many UI students and faculty do outstanding work," said Linda Maxson, the dean of the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in a statement. "This estate gift is one more part of the extensive Stuit legacy."

The Fulton, Ill., native came to the UI in 1938 as a professor of psychology. He stayed until his retirement in 1977.

— by Kelli Shaffner

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3. Point/Counterpoint: Do we really need two area super Wal-Marts?
4. Hawkeyes shift attention to Ringer, Spartans
5. UI doctors sue over alleged pressure from execs to overcharge patients

### POLICE BLOTTER

**Tara Dawson**, 34, 2208 Miami Drive, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Sean Feijo**, 44, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

**McCoy Jones III**, 40, 534 Elkhorn Trail, was charged Monday with driving while barred.

**Matthew Kerr**, 20, 602 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 636, was charged Monday with PAULA.

**Raleigh Leonard**, 26, Ely, Iowa, was charged Monday with violating a no-contact order.

**Rebecca Meyer**, 21, 130 N. Linn St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

**Travis Roberts**, 29, Coralville, was charged Sept. 27 with public intoxication.

**Kyle Schuetz**, 21, 401 S. Lucas St., was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.

**Kara Symeonides**, 19, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1612, was charged Monday with PAULA.

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# Graffiti causes uproar

SKINNER

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School officials and UI police said they don't expect to identify the perpetrator any time soon.

The single witness who reported the matter waited weeks before coming forward with the information, Saunders said.

UI police Officer Eric Werling said the department has very little to go on because of the number of students who filter in and out of the building and a lack of evidence.

"We've narrowed it down to the male population," Werling said, adding that little would change had the witness come forward sooner.

The officer said Skinner is handling the issues appropriately, in terms of emotionally dealing with hate speech.

"It alerts people and helps them feel more comfortable," he said.

Skinner said she's received a great deal of positive support from colleagues and students.

"You wouldn't believe the responses in e-mails," she said. "I couldn't even believe it."

## STATE

### US Labor secretary seeks worker records

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) - The U.S. Secretary of Labor wants to interview former employees of the Agriprocessors meatpacking plant before they are deported.

Elaine Chao filed a petition in U.S. District Court on Tuesday, asking for permission to conduct depositions of nine former employees who are being held in a federal facility in Miami.

The former workers will be deported on Oct. 10.

Chao says in the petition that payroll records in the plant don't correspond to all the hours worked by the former workers. She wants to take the testimony to find out how much in back wages is owed the former workers.

### Man pleads guilty to Carter Lake slaying

COUNCIL BLUFFS (AP) - A man who was to go on trial for the slaying of a Carter Lake woman nearly two years ago has pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

Fifty-five-year-old Freddie Chumley pleaded guilty to five counts of willful injury causing serious injury and one count of being armed with intent before his trial started Tuesday.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Four police squad cars sit outside the Iowa City police station on Tuesday. The department is looking at several possible ways to curb the impact of rising fuel costs.

# City looks for fuel answers

GAS

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The police aren't the only department struggling to reallocate sources.

Iowa City Fire Chief Andrew Rocca said roughly \$18,000 was budgeted for his department's equipment repair and maintenance — which includes fuel purchases

— for fiscal 2008, but the budget was changed because of high fuel prices.

"The cost of oil and gas has just skyrocketed, so I know there were some amendments made to the budget last year," Rocca said. "Our emergency-response vehicles use diesel fuel, and that's where it gets the most expensive."

Both departments get fuel from the Iowa City Equipment Division, which purchases approximately 7,500 gallons of gas every seven to 10 days. The division buys fuel at a special rate, and it doesn't pay tax on it — a benefit to the departments.

"If they went to local gas stations to fill up, they would have to apply to the state to

get their taxes back," said Tom Hansen, the Johnson County emergency-management coordinator. "We save them a lot of work and effort."

Iowa City purchases the gas for the equipment division, and 55 percent of that fuel is resold to entities such as the police and fire departments, Hansen said.

# UI to design writing test for state

WRITING

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The test could cost as much as \$250,000 and will take up to 18 months to format. Welch said she hopes to see the test in schools by the 2009-10 school year.

The state Board of Education will decide whether to administer the tests to students at its meeting in January.

According to the 2007-08 Iowa State Report Card, 77 percent of fourth-grade students were proficient in reading, down 3 percent from 2006-07. Eighth-graders dropped 2 percent in the same year.

If approved, the test would

be administered to third-, sixth-, and 10th-graders. Depending on scores, the state may later require additional grades to take the test.

Although Iowa students in third through 12th grades already take annual standardized tests, there are no open-ended writing components currently available.

The writing and literacy test would add composition essays and require students to respond to an open-ended question. It would also include creative, persuasive, and explanatory writing. Scores would be based on punctuation, word choice, and sentence structure.

Writing has become a standard element of testing

across the nation, especially with the essay addition to the ACT and SAT college-entrance exams. UI professors who created the test said they hope the new exam brings the Iowa proficiency rate up to the national level.

"We don't have as much of a centralized approach as other states," said Steve Dunbar, a professor in the Iowa Testing Programs. "This would help Iowa students improve their writing composition skills for future grades."

The Iowa City School District has administered a separate writing-assessment test since 2001, which was also

developed at the UI.

"It's a valuable tool to measure the district's progress," said Pam Ehly, the director of instruction for Iowa City schools.

If the proposed test passes, she said, the district would likely implement it within its current writing program.

Welch said she expects the education board to approve the new tests, but she looks forward to feedback regardless of the decision.

"Everyone's been very positive about the potential for this test," she said. "We need to understand our strengths and weaknesses to improve instruction in the schools."

# Some want Mills back

FIRING

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"I would assume that this is the final action," said Regent Robert Downer. "I would be surprised if this petition had an impact on Mason's decision."

Downer is unsure about appeal rights for Mills, he said, but any involvement in the petition on his part would be improper.

Some, however, said they wouldn't sign such a petition.

"I think that the school was within its rights to fire Mills for lying in a serious case to the regents," said Steve Wieland, the president of the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students. "That he refuses to admit his mistake continues to make him look bad."

He defends Mason's decision and said someone had to lose his or her job, and Mill's actions were grounds for termination.

"What the faculty needs to realize is that it takes a very qualified person to lead a Big Ten school," he said. "If we continue to alienate and attack our presidents, it's going to be hard to attract the proper candidates."

Thomas Rocklin, the UI interim vice president for Student Services, said everyone has a right to express her or his opinion, though he wasn't sure if, or how, this might affect Mason's decision.

UI Faculty Senate President Michael O'Hara, who said he wouldn't sign the petition, said that although the faculty want Mills back, the petition will not likely overturn his termination.

"It's certain that the faculty have the right to express their views, and I understand why the faculty want him restored, but it's not likely," he said.

Lewis-Beck hasn't spoken with Mason about the petition but said he doesn't expect she would approve.

"On the other hand, maybe she wants to know how people think," he said. "But it's not really about her, it's about the decision [to fire Mills]."

"Mistakes were made, there's no doubt about that," he said. "The larger question is: Was this the right person to fire?"

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UI graduate student Daniel Rogge displays a wind turbine in the Seamans Center on Tuesday. The turbine was built by students in the Wind Power Management class.

# Renewables spawn jobs, profs say

UI students taking advantage of a renewable job market.

By **KATIE HANSON**  
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A lot changed for Matt Bartlett during his 10-year stint in the U.S. Army. Deployment to poverty-stricken areas in Haiti and the Middle East showed him a radically different standard of living.

"I learned how much of a luxury it is to flip a switch and have power," the 2007 UI graduate said.

And when the soldier returned four years ago, seeing the wind turbines near his western Iowa home sparked his interest in alternative energies.

Bartlett, now a substation engineer at MidAmerican Energy Co., is part of an international boom in renewable energy. Advances in the field could generate roughly 20 million new jobs worldwide by 2030, according to a recent report from the U.N. Environment Programme.

Iowa leads the nation in ethanol production and ranks third in wind-energy generation, reports from the Renewable Fuels Association and the American Wind Energy Association show. Based on these statistics, UI professors believe the state could play a leading role in the nation's future renewable energy output.

UI engineering Professor Andrew Kusiak said both the wind-energy market and job market for the industry are growing at a 30 percent rate.

The wind-energy job market is predicted to further swell if the United States increases its wind-energy production from 1.5 percent to its goal of 20 percent by the year 2030, Kusiak said.

Other green industries — electric power, solar, and

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Sources: Renewable Fuels Association, Iowa Energy Association, Keri Hornbuckle, Greg Carmichael

geothermal energy — are advancing as well, said UI engineering Professor Greg Carmichael.

Renewable energy is an exciting but challenging industry, he said. Every area requires additional research and infrastructure development before it can be mass-distributed, which is good news for college students interested in renewable energy.

Engineering Professor Keri Hornbuckle said an increasing number of engineers are pursuing renewable energy and that there is a "tremendous demand" for these workers.

"There are a lot more jobs than there are students," she said. "The only problem is which one to choose."

UI Associate Provost Barb Eckstein said the recently created Sustainability Curricula Task Force at the UI will help students become more competitive in the renewable

"If you ever watched the movie *Back to the Future* when the professor put garbage in the car tank so he can get some energy to operate the vehicle ... I believe that can happen."

—Mazzin Alnijoumi  
UI student

energy job market. The program — tentatively set to begin next fall — will allow undergraduates to earn a certificate in sustainability.

Some UI engineering students, however, are already ahead of the competition, and have worked on their own initiatives for some time.

UI student Kevin Langan built an operational wind turbine in his Wind Power Management class last semester and is now completing his master's thesis on combustion of alternative fuels while designing mechanical systems for buildings at KJWW Engineering. Mazzin Alnijoumi, who plans to work with biofuels, took a class focused on wind and solar energy—the same course that Bartlett took while enrolled at the UI.

Langan, Alnijoumi, and Bartlett all want their training to lead to bigger developments in their fields.

"I hope that I can invent new materials that can last forever," Alnijoumi said. "If you ever watched the movie *Back to the Future* when the professor put garbage in the car tank so he can get some energy to operate the vehicle ... I believe that can happen."

# McCain urges Treasury to take further action



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Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., waves to supporters after speaking at a small-business roundtable discussion on Tuesday in Des Moines.

By **MIKE GLOVER**  
Associated Press

DES MOINES — With Congress stalled on a bailout plan, Republican nominee John McCain urged President Bush on Tuesday to direct the Treasury Department to use powers already on the books to increase insurance of bank deposits and buy troubled mortgages.

"The administration can take these actions with the stroke of the pen to help alleviate the crisis gripping our economy," McCain said. "I urge it to do so."

He also called for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to increase the deposit insurance cap to \$250,000, more than double the current level. The move would seek to assure nervous savers that their money is safe from a bank failure.

"We cannot allow a crisis in our financial system to become a crisis in confidence," McCain said.

McCain addressed the financial turmoil as he opened an economic roundtable discussion with business leaders at a north Des Moines concrete form business. He said he spoke with Bush earlier Tuesday and urged the president to take action.

He acknowledged the politics of an approaching election could complicate efforts to deal with the nation's economic problems.

"I know that many of the solutions to this problem may be unpopular, but the dire consequences of inaction will be far more damaging to the economic security of American families and the fault will be ours," McCain said.

He argued that the Treasury Department has already used a special fund to back money market accounts, and he urged that its use be broadened.

"I encourage it to use this fund as creatively as possible to provide backstops for accounts across our financial system to maintain confidence on the part of savers and investors," said McCain.

In addition, McCain said a housing bill approved in Congress gives Treasury the authority to purchase up to \$1 trillion in mortgages, and the agency should do so.

"Housing and mortgages are at the root of this crisis," McCain said. "I encourage Treasury to take action to shore up mortgage values."

A day after Congress rejected a \$700 billion bailout package Bush had supported, McCain said the size of the problem demands immediate action.

"We are in the greatest financial crisis of our lifetime," said McCain. "Congressional inaction has put every American and the entire economy at the gravest risk."

McCain also called for Democrats and Republicans to

work together.

"I am disappointed at the lack of resolve and bipartisan good will among members of both parties to fix the problem," said McCain. "Bipartisanship is a tough thing, never more so when you're trying to take necessary but publicly unpopular actions. But inaction is not an option."

McCain warned that the credit market is beginning to dry up for businesses, those seeking to buy a home and students looking to finance an education.

"Businesses all over the country cannot borrow to finance their own operations and pay their bills and if we do nothing many may fail," said McCain. "When financing dries up, students can't get loans."

The bailout package has proven to be a thorn in McCain's side. He said he was suspending his campaign last week to return to Washington and hammer out a compromise, and when passage looked likely McCain took credit for his role in finding a solution.

Now that the agreement has fallen apart, McCain said he'd remain involved.

"I call on everyone in Washington to come together in a bipartisan way to address this crisis," McCain said. "I will continue to do whatever I can to aid in a constructive answer to the challenge before us."

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# Obama: Back rescue plan



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., gestures while speaking at a rally at the University of Nevada-Reno on Tuesday. Obama called for Americans to support the rescue plan for the financial sector and told them that if Wall Street fails, ordinary people will be hurt, too.

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**  
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on Tuesday called for Americans to get behind attempts to salvage a \$700 billion rescue plan for the financial sector, saying that if Wall Street fails, ordinary people will also be hurt.

“This is no longer just a Wall Street crisis. It’s an American crisis, and it’s the American economy that needs this rescue plan,” Obama told approximately 12,000 people at a rally at the University of Nevada-Reno.

Obama said Congress should put aside politics — he didn’t mention GOP rival John McCain by name during his remarks — and should act quickly on the legislation.

“To the Democrats and Republicans who opposed this plan yesterday, I say: Step up to the plate and do what’s right for this country,” he said. “And to all Americans, I say this: If I am president of the United States, this rescue plan will not be the end of what we do to strengthen this economy. It will only be the beginning.”

The House on Monday rejected the Bush administration’s \$700 billion proposal,

its 228-205 vote sparking the largest sell-off on Wall Street since the day after the 9/11 terror attacks. Obama, McCain, and President Bush all indicated support for the plan, but the legislation was highly unpopular with the public, as well as ideological groups on the left and the right.

Obama called for bipartisanship in a time of financial crisis.

“While there is plenty of blame to go around and many in Washington and on Wall Street who deserve it, all of us now have a responsibility to solve this crisis because it affects the financial well-being of every single American,” he said. “There will be time to punish those who set this fire, but now is the moment for us to come together and put the fire out.”

In response, McCain campaign spokesman Tucker Bounds said: “We welcome Barack Obama’s interest in passing this critical economic rescue of our economy, but the American people needed leadership last week and our next president can’t wait until after the levees break to start making phone calls.”

McCain suspended campaigning last week, saying he would return to Washington

and stay there until the crisis was solved. He reversed course days later and headed to Mississippi for the Sept. 26 debate with his rival. Obama did not bring his campaign to a halt but did return to Washington to attend a White House meeting with Bush, congressional leaders, and McCain.

Obama said he had talked with Bush, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, and other leaders Tuesday about resurrecting the recovery plan. He also sought to reassure the public, saying the plan had been “misunderstood and poorly communicated.”

“This is not a plan to just hand over \$700 billion of your money to a few banks on Wall Street,” the Illinois senator said.

Without a rescue for the financial sector, ordinary people will soon begin to suffer, Obama said.

“If we do not act, it will be harder for you to get a mortgage for your home or the loans you need to go to college or a loan you need to buy a car to get to work,” Obama said.

“What it means is that businesses won’t be able to get the loans they need to open new factories, or hire

more workers or make payroll for the workers they have. What it means is that thousands of businesses could close around the country. Millions of jobs could be lost,” he said.

Obama and McCain announced separately their backing for a plan that some House Republicans had pushed earlier: raising the federal deposit insurance limit from \$100,000 to \$250,000. The aim would be to reassure nervous consumers, shore up the economy and helping small businesses.

# Food-labeling law kicks in

By **JOE KAFKA**  
Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. — A retail labeling law for fresh meats, fruits, and vegetables will be implemented across the nation in the next six months on an interim basis to give all parties time to adjust and comply with the regulations.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said Tuesday that consumers will be able to tell where those products come from by looking at labels, stickers, placards, and stamps placed on them in grocery stores.

Final regulations for the labeling law required by the 2008 Farm Bill should be ready by year’s end, said Bruce Knight, USDA undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs.

“USDA has taken a very pragmatic approach to implementation and done this in a very commonsense manner,” he said.

Farm groups have long pushed for country-of-origin labels.

Meat from animals that are born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States must be designated as such, Knight said.

Another label will spell out numerous countries of origin, such as “Product of U.S., Mex-

ico, and Canada.”

Farm groups complained recently that the regulations were written in a way that would allow meatpackers to avoid identifying meat as exclusively U.S. products by using the multiple-origin label on all products.

But Knight said Tuesday that USDA has since clarified the interim rules to ensure that doesn’t happen.

The rules state it is not permissible to use labels stating the product is from multiple countries on meats solely born, raised, and slaughtered in the U.S. if those meats are processed without mixing during the meatpacker’s “production day.”

If U.S.-produced meat is mixed on the same day with meat from other nations, such as Canada or Mexico, it may be designated with mixed labels.

Lloyd Day, USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service administrator, said retailers will be educated about the labeling requirements until April, when penalties will begin. Violators will have 30 days to comply or face \$1,000 fines for each violation, he said.

“We want to make sure that everyone will be able to come into compliance as quickly as possible,” Day said.

The enforcement program will cost USDA \$9.6 million, but Congress has yet to approve funding, he said. Day said USDA will begin enforcement by tapping \$1 million provided for monitoring country-of-origin labels on fish and shellfish, which was required earlier.

Some groups, including the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, have opposed a mandatory labeling program.

The law’s leading opponents are grocery stores and large meatpacking companies, many of whom mix U.S. and Mexican beef, along with other businesses involved in getting products to supermarket shelves. They say the tracking and the paperwork needed to comply with the law is too burdensome and would cause them to raise prices.

Country-of-origin labeling was included in the 2002 farm bill and was set to go into effect on Sept. 30, 2004, for beef, lamb, pork, fish, fruits, and vegetables. Congress has repeatedly pushed back the deadline for all products in the bill except seafood.

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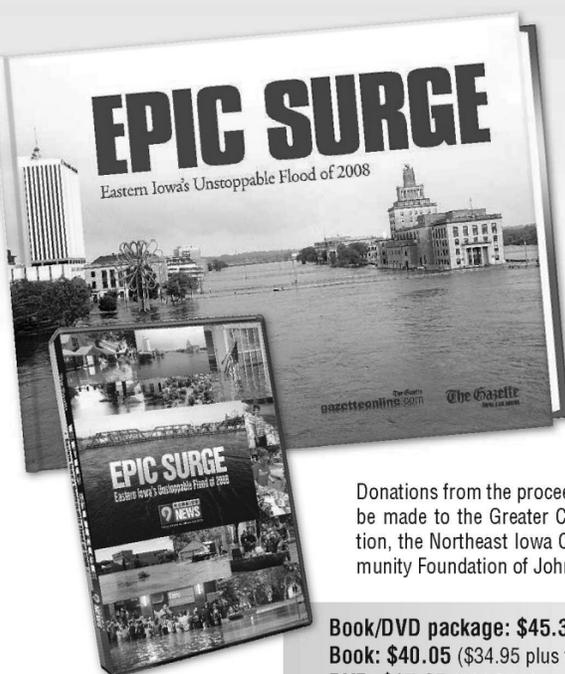
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## Editorial

## Iowa's energy future is in the wind, but requires investment elsewhere

Iowa's residents have the potential to generate an enormous amount of electricity from the state's abundant wind, but putting this resource to its best use requires investment in power-distribution infrastructure as well as wind turbines.

Most American have by now likely seen TV ads aimed at popularizing oil tycoon turned alternative-energy enthusiast T. Boone Pickens' plan to end the country's dependence on foreign sources of energy.

Though this plan is only one of many and in fact focuses on a number of energy solutions, its advocacy for a massive investment in wind power has incredible potential to improve Iowa's economy.

"Studies from around the world show that the Great Plains states are home to the greatest wind energy potential in the world — by far," according to Pickens' website. "The Department of Energy reports that 20 percent of America's electricity can come from wind."

Speaking in Le Mars, Iowa earlier this year, Pickens told the *Iowa Independent* that Iowa will be a major player in the future of wind power because of its location in the nation's wind corridor.

However, the power grid that distributes electricity around Iowa and across the nation is not optimized to support wind farms.

Wind farms are generally built in rural areas that have not historically generated or consumed large quantities of electricity. Thus, new transmission lines are often required to get the power from the new turbines to the urban areas that consume much of the nation's electricity.

In Iowa, MidAmerican Energy is getting an increasing amount of its electricity from wind turbines. Tom Budler, the company's general manager for wind power, wrote in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*:

"Wind projects have the same interconnection issues as any other generator or load that interconnects to the system. To the extent a wind project is added to the grid, we must ensure that the integrity of the grid is not compromised or deteriorated because of the addition of this gener-

ation — that is, we must complete any necessary transmission upgrades or additions that are required."

Another difficulty with wind power is that it is not constant. Coal-burning and hydroelectric power plants, for example, can generate the same amount of electricity basically around the clock, but wind power is only available when the wind is blowing with appropriate force.

"The intermittent nature of wind does not affect the transmission system interconnection as the studies are completed at 100 percent output," Budler wrote. "We do forecast our next day loads and wind generation in order to determine the amount of required fossil [fuel] generation."

Thus, even as more wind farms come on line, other power sources will still be needed to generate electricity when there simply isn't enough wind available.

"Additionally, projects are studied one at a time — this also creates great uncertainty if projects are delayed as study time can approach 1½ years to completion," Budler wrote. "A method of group studies that timely facilitate studies would be very helpful in expediting the transmission interconnection process."

Therefore, one of the best ways to speed the effective integration of wind power into Iowa's electrical grid would be to plan ahead. As it seems likely that more wind farms will be built in coming years, it only makes sense for the state and federal government to help fund the necessary studies ahead of time so that mere logistical difficulties won't delay the important transition to the use of more renewable energy sources.

No doubt many alternative-energy solutions can come primarily from the private sector. However, updating America's power grid to facilitate the efficient use of wind power is a massive undertaking and deserves government support.

Today's investments in the nation's power grid will pay off tomorrow as the country simultaneously achieves greater energy independence and decreases the amount of greenhouse gases it is releasing into the atmosphere.

## We can handle the truth

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Each week, this column is printed in a newspaper in a section called "Opinions" — a section of the paper that the editor (when faced with the fact that the latest column to grace the page is about people attaching giant sex organs to little digital gremlins or something of that nature) is quick to note, "does not reflect the opinion of The Daily Iowan, its publisher ..." and so on and so forth.

Why the need for this oft-repeated disclaimer (besides the obvious explanation of not wanting to be attached to anything as tactlessly puerile as a series of columns that seem to frequently reference digital genitalia)?

Objectivity.

Objectivity as in the high sacrosanct tenet of observational practice, the intersection of methodological and ideological approach to the gathering of data that attempts to ensure that personal opinion shall not cloud the truthfulness of one's findings.

It is a time-honored tradition — the objective pursuit of truth — and certainly not just in journalism. The notion that mankind, through rigorous, fact-based exploration of the data of human events and observations, can create a unified narrative of existence, the capital "H" history of reality, is an endeavor of massive scope.

The issue is that when one deals with this affixing of a capital "T" to truth or a capital "H" to history, is that it is effectively a subjective act — deciding this truth is the truth or that history is the definitive history.

Of course, how can "true" or "definitive" narrative exist when there are so many histories out there that each offer something different to the understanding of an event?

Given that, the idea of any universal narrative seems suspect. There may be hundreds of newspapers covering the same story in different ways, dozens of history books offering different takes on the same events — even the Bible has up to four conflicting narratives at certain points in time.

It should be noted that in part, the practice of objectivity is somewhat rooted in scientific method — the approach of fact-based empirical observation and measurement. This is, of course, an effective, consistent system with which to quantitatively observe cause and effect.

Certainly, it could be argued that scientists have an easier time adhering to this concept of empiricism or objective research methodology compared to those whose field of study is that of the qualitative — that of the narrative of human events.

But the question is — is either practice completely objective?

If the question of qualitative objectivity is complicated by the subjective act of selecting one narrative as the de facto narrative of history, then absolute quantitative objectivity might be considered somewhat ambiguous because of the same units of measurement it uses to ensure consistency and objectivity in its findings.

The subjective act of selecting a universal, capital "H" history (or what the French philosopher/literary theorist Jean-François Lyotard called a meta-narrative) may not be drastically different than attempting to establish rules of measurement and methodology as universal in field of science.

In short, measurement could be considered a subjective act because it directly imposes an arbitrary system of dimension — a dimension that is potentially not as universally comprehensible as the scientific method it accompanies.

For example, just as we American drivers look at the other series of numbers placed on the speedometer of our cars — the arcane kilometer — and perhaps find a sense of reference to the unit hard to grasp (it's like a mile ... but different), it's certainly possible to imagine that the some cultural settings, certain measurements may in some way obfuscate a truly "objective" sense of quantitative observation.

Of course, this is not to say science (or journalism, or history, or mathematics, or any subject in pursuit of a capital "T" truth) is fundamentally flawed by this inability for anything to be truly universal or that there may be just the smallest smattering of subjectivity in an endeavor. Instead, perhaps the presence of the subjective illustrates that there really isn't any narrative of reality without every narrative of reality.

Even the most asinine, far-flung truth or history (lower case, mind you) could contribute some perspective to the whole of the narrative conglomeration and perhaps in that plurality of reality is the best chance for something resembling a true "objectivity."

Otherwise, it's akin to asking a child (or even an adult for that matter) to pick a favorite bedtime story from a book of fairy tales.

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Our government has been complacent and ineffective in many areas; the attention needed on many critical issues has been totally misdirected or neglected. By now, more and more citizens realize that Bush has been "asleep at the wheel" or "has had his head in the sand."

Sadly, many of us have also been on the road to complacency. We have assumed that our government was "taking care of us." It was comfortable and a nice ride while it lasted. We have been in denial; passionate experts warned us about the future in regard to foreign oil dependency years ago, the dire need for alternative solutions, and the need to utilize and develop our own resources such as wind power, solar



"MY HUSBAND, NON HE'S FULL OF OPINIONS... TOO BAD HE'S AT DRUG REHAB THIS MONTH. MY FIRST HUSBAND'S A KNOW-IT-ALL, TOO, BUT HE'S LIVING WITH HIS BOYFRIEND IN SAN FRANCISCO. COME BACK TOMORROW AND YOU CAN INTERVIEW MY 18-YEAR-OLD. I'M BABYSITTING HER KIDS HERE WHILE SHE DOES HER SHIFT AT THE TOPLESS JUNGLE... BUT, ANYWAY, IF YOU REALLY WANT MY OPINION: NO, THE CHARACTER ISSUE IS NO BIG DEAL!"

energy, and clean coal. Government greed, corporate greed, our own greed, and our own lack of heeding the signs have all contributed to the crisis we are now in.

We face crisis in just about every area possible; the billions that have been and are being spent monthly on our occupation in Iraq, also causing insurmountable grief to families who have lost loved ones; lack of control and regulation within Wall Street, mishandling of mortgages and the extreme number of foreclosures; the worn and unresolved problem of obtaining health insurance for all; our educational system, in which the

United States ranks 20th, 21st, and 24th in the world in math, science, and problem-solving; and we now have the highest rate of unemployment in years. The list goes on and on.

You young adults, this election is about *you*. This election will drastically affect you, either positively or negatively depending on whether and how you vote. In a few years, if not already, you will have families to create homes for, to provide financial security to, and children to educate. The condition of your lives depends on what you do now. It is you, the younger generation, the people with

open minds who will likely have leadership roles and who are so vital to this election.

I implore you, if you are not a registered voter, register now! Simply go on line [www.jcauditor.com](http://www.jcauditor.com); you may register on line very easily and you may request an absentee ballot, or on Nov. 4, you may go to your precinct location shown on your registration card and vote there. You may also go to the Johnson County Auditor's office to register, 913 S. Dubuque Street, hours 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

You have the power, and it is your responsibility to be in control and change America; you have the power to reverse this decline. Don't leave this decision to your parents and grandparents alone. Listen, learn, be objective, and decide which candidates "fit the bill" on the issues most critical to you and "vote!" This election will seriously affect your life. Though I am a strong Obama/Biden supporter, my plea to you is to get involved, take responsibility, and decide who you want leading us to a new and better direction, a new beginning; then *vote* your decision.

Cynthia McLaughlin  
Iowa City resident

## Guest Opinion

## Congressional Neroes strike the country again

If the United States does experience an economic catastrophe in the months and years ahead, and if future historians wish to identify the date on which it began, this past Monday may turn out to be as good a candidate as any for the title of Black Monday. Despite agreement among the White House and Democratic and Republican congressional leaders on a financial-rescue package, back-benchers from both parties scuttled the plan in the House by a vote of 228 to

205. Amid news of spreading financial distress in Europe, the Dow Jones industrial average plunged more than 777 points. Yet the gathering darkness is as much political in nature as economic. Just when it seemed that American democracy had at least temporarily conquered its ugliest habits of partisanship, that the people's elected representatives were about to make a tough decision in the long-term national interest, pique and polarization carried the day.

It was quite a spectacle. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi delivered a bitter floor speech in which she expressed astonishment at the bill's price tag even as she weakly urged its adoption and in which she blamed the entire situation on President Bush and the Republicans even as she was depending on Republican votes. Rather than stifling their own reactive impulses, a dozen or so wavering Republicans, according to Minority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., used Pelosi's speech as an excuse to vote no,

simultaneously scapegoating Pelosi and taking revenge on her — at the country's expense. Democrats, in turn, denounced the Republican leadership's failure to discipline its troops. And then Congress marched out to a scheduled recess, with no clear plan for taking the bill up again.

We understand that angry constituents have been bombarding members of Congress with e-mails and phone calls protesting the bailout. We understand that the bill did not offer enough breaks for

homeowners to please the populist left and that it contained too much federal intervention to please the populist right.

That's what happens in a compromise. Given the poor marketing of a proposal whose advertised \$700 billion price tag will probably never materialize in full and given that the rapidly developing credit crisis has not quite been felt on Main Street, we are not surprised at the angry correspondence from voters — or, rather, from certain self-

selected voters. But among the 133 Republicans and 95 Democrats who voted no Monday, there are certainly some who know better, and their lack of political courage is stunning. Perhaps their votes will help them get what they want in November: a return trip to Washington. But if this foolish result is not undone soon, the ensuing economic woe could make every House member's re-election victory seem Pyrrhic indeed.

This editorial appeared in Tuesday's *Washington Post*.

## COMMENTARY

# The (tinny) future is now

Rhythm and blues music went futuristic on us (complete with figureheads that may or may not be able to kill us if they wished) and forgot to tell anyone. Don't worry — the *DI* is here to examine the trend.



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In the future, many sci-fi stories guess, the human race becomes outmoded and old-fashioned — ultimately pushed aside by some superior class of robot.

Turning on a radio these days, it sounds like the future may be closer than we'd guess. So many of contemporary R&B's hits today and over the last few years have relied on an oddly electronic, tinny sound to their vocal tracks; I'm talking about Chris Brown's dance-floor-favorite "Forever," I'm talking about Rihanna's "Disturbia," and of course, I'm talking about T-Pain.

Most recently, Kanye West has begun employing the effect (often achieved with a gadget termed a vocoder) on his vocal tracks, both in Young Jeezy's "Put On" and his latest single, "Love Lockdown," where he sings all the way through, no rapping.

Am I crazy in remembering the time (and since we're apparently in the future, cut me some slack) when electronic music was its own genre? I swear — there were artists as wide-ranging as Fatboy Slim and Moby, all the way to groups such as Daft Punk or my middle-school faves, Aqua. Call it techno, dance, house, whatever: It used to have its own section in FYE.

Don't get me wrong. It's not that I'm against the styles integrating themselves (my enthusiastic feelings toward Kanye's Daft Punk collabs is proof, there). It's that this time, the R&B songs are moving more toward the trait of making their voices — ostensibly what got them into the music industry to begin with, and their finest tool in conveying the emotion of a song (after all, the "B" stands for "blues") — sound less human.

This fad is most noticeable to me in the field of R&B music, but technopop styling seems to be finding a grasp everywhere from emo (Metro Station, and, way back in the day, Panic (!) at The Disco) to the hooks of numerous hip-hop songs (look only to the career of T-Pain, whom I've already dedicated a whole column to previously).

Is this a bad thing? Well, it certainly sounds that way here. Electronic music, if it's done well, should sound effortless and polished, and to many, that's suspicious. Where's the grit, the work? Obviously, hidden away in a production studio somewhere. And it kills a rock critic to say that a fun, dancey track with about five layers of synthesizer could be as "good" as a mediocre rock band

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## Anna's Playlist For Writing This Medium

- "Disturbia" — Rihanna
- "Umbrella" — Rihanna feat. Jay-Z
- "Buy U A Drank" — T-Pain, feat. Yung Joc
- "Forever" — Chris Brown
- "Break The Ice" — Britney Spears
- "Here (In Your Arms)" — Hellogoodbye
- "Shake It" — Metro Station
- "Obsession" — Animation
- "Love Lockdown" — Kanye West
- "Roses Are Red" — Aqua
- "James Dean (I Wanna Know)" — Daniel Bedingfield
- "Hide and Seek" — Imogen Heap
- "Touch It/Technologic" — Daft Punk

playing actual instruments somewhere.

But listening to an epic electronic song such as Imogen Heap's "Hide and Seek" (also seen on every sad death montage, ever), recorded entirely with vocoder, there's no question that it can be just as affecting and fantastic.

Or, instead, look at the career of Rihanna, who is perhaps the exception to my griping about sounding human earlier in this article. She records "Umbrella," still a fantastic pop song, if you can stand to listen to it (give it about another year). Electronic-tinged vocals do more for her career than anything had or ever will. She continues with dance singles such as "Don't Stop The Music," but the second she tries to sound like a real person, the insufferable "Take A Bow" infects radio for countless weeks.

I'd rather Robot Rihanna any day than mediocre music. I just wouldn't advise turning your back.

# Priceless value of friend

Local subject, local film: *A Friend Indeed: The Bill Sackter Story* tells the story of an Iowa City 'folk hero' and the community inspired by him.



ROBIN SVETC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Lane Wyrick, a UI film grad and the director of the documentary *A Friend Indeed: The Bill Sackter Story*, stands in his studio at his Iowa City home on Tuesday. The documentary chronicles the life of renowned mentally handicapped harmonica player Bill Sackter through photographs and film footage, some of which dates back to the 1970s, as well as interviews with people who knew Sackter while he lived in Iowa City.

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When Bill Sackter took out his harmonica and started playing for more than 40 million viewers at the 1982 Golden Globe Awards, he received a standing ovation from the stars and nominees at the celebration. Some even credit it as the most spontaneous moment ever televised.

Sackter, famous in Iowa City for his work at Wild Bill's Coffee Shop in North Hall, was nationally known for his upbeat attitude and heartfelt harmonica playing. A screening of *A Friend Indeed: The Bill Sackter Story* at 7:30 p.m. today at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., will give all those who weren't fortunate enough to know Bill a chance to learn from his life and experiences.

*A Friend Indeed*, which premiered at Hancher this summer and since has started to gain recognition at Midwest film festivals, is a documentary that doesn't only celebrate a local subject but also a local filmmaker, score composer, and many other locals who were interviewed about their relationship with Sackter.

"He died 25 years ago, and he's still present in Iowa City," said Lane Wyrick, the director of the full-length documentary and a UI film grad. "It got a standing ovation [at Hancher], but it's not just an Iowa

## FILM

### *A Friend Indeed: The Bill Sackter Story*

**When:** Oct. 1, 4, and 5 at 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** The Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St.  
**Admission:** \$10

## ON THE WEB

Check out the trailer for *A Friend Indeed*, the Bill Sackter documentary by Iowa City filmmaker Lane Wyrick, at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

City story. Audiences outside Iowa are capable of understanding such human compassion."

Sackter, a moderately mentally handicapped man, was institutionalized in Minnesota in the 1920s at a young age after his father passed away. Sackter spent 44 years there before he was finally released after new laws in the '70s gave more rights to the mentally handicapped.

In 1979, he met Iowa City resident Barry Morrow in Minneapolis and they instantly became friends. When Morrow had to go back to Iowa for a job, he became Sackter's legal guardian and brought Sackter back with him.

"Bill Sackter was one of the most exceptional human beings I've ever met," said

Thomas Walz, a professor emeritus at the UI School of Social Work and founder of the Extend the Dream Foundation, which helps disabled people in the community maintain jobs. "I feel we need to recognize some unlikely heroes in our society, especially those who are exemplary of nonviolence and true caring for others. I have felt for a long time that Bill could make a great folk hero for this culture. The movie does an incredible job of capturing Bill's special qualities."

When Morrow came back to Iowa City with Sackter, Walz helped Sackter find a job by inaugurating the now-famous campus coffee shop named after Sackter. It was Sackter's job to serve coffee to the customers and occasionally treat them to a song on the harmonica. In 1977, Sackter was recognized as the Handicapped Iowan of the Year.

Morrow had the idea to create a documentary about Sackter as early as the 1970s. He started taking photos and film footage almost as soon as they met, and he continued to accumulate footage until Sackter's death, in 1983. But the documentary was put on hold when a TV movie about Sackter's life, *Bill*, was made, starring Mickey Rooney in 1981, and it inspired a sequel two years later with Helen Hunt.

"It was a real accomplishment for movies," Walz said. "Most films before that treated handicaps like villains. This opened the door and made money at the same time."

"The footage was amazing," Wyrick said about Morrow's film and photos. "It was a treasure trove of great material. I didn't know Bill, but I feel like I do now."

In *A Friend Indeed*, along with the real footage of Sackter's life, Wyrick combined many interviews with people who knew Sackter in Iowa City with a full orchestral accompaniment written by UI graduate Peter Bloesh.

"The score accomplishes by adding real depth of emotion," Bloesh said. "There are people telling the story and the story is compelling. It's any film score's job to heighten emotions and make the experience even richer and more emotional."

*A Friend Indeed* has won numerous awards thus far at film festivals, including audience favorite at the Kansas International Film Fest as well as best documentary, best Iowa film, and audience favorite at the Hardacre Film Festival in Tipton.

"Bill should have been bitter about his hard past," Wyrick said. "But his attitude was always, 'I had a tough life, but I have a good life now.'"

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# Dow bounces back, but credit tightens

By **JOE BEL BRUNO AND TIM PARADIS**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street snapped back Tuesday after its biggest sell-off in years amid growing expectations that lawmakers will salvage a \$700 billion rescue plan for the financial sector. But the seized-up credit markets where businesses turn to raise money showed no sign of relief.

One day after the biggest point drop in its history, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 485 points, or more than 4.5 percent — the latest in a string of extraordinarily volatile days in the stock market. It was third-biggest point gain in the Dow's history and the biggest percentage climb in the Dow in six years.

The recovery in stocks wasn't unexpected; carnage on Wall Street often attracts bargain hunters, though questions remain about how investors will proceed. Without a bailout plan in place to absorb soured mortgage debt and other bad loans from battered banks, investors are left wondering what might restore confidence in lending.

Major stock indexes were almost a sideshow during the session, with the credit markets as the main event. A key rate that banks charge to lend to one another shot higher, a tightening of the availability of credit that could cascade through the economy.

Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, still stunned from Monday's 778-point rout in the Dow, warned that the government needs to approve a plan that will sweep away the fears that hobbled the credit markets. While U.S. political leaders have vowed to revisit the issue, the House isn't slated to meet again until Thursday.

"If it doesn't pass, then look out below," said Jason Weisberg, an NYSE trader for Seaport Securities. "It could get ugly."



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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday. Stocks staged a partial rebound early Tuesday after their biggest sell-off in years, though financial markets remained troubled a day after lawmakers rejected a \$700 billion rescue plan for the financial sector.

Though the blue-chip index rose sharply Tuesday, the main worry for traders is that a lack of a plan will make it nearly impossible for some companies to fund basic operations such as making payroll. Participants in the credit market buy and sell debt that companies use to finance operations.

The benchmark London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, that banks charge to lend to one another, rose sharply Tuesday, making it more expensive and difficult for consumers and businesses to bor-

row money. In addition, credit-card debt and more than half of adjustable-rate mortgages are tied to LIBOR, so an increase isn't welcome for many consumers.

LIBOR for three-month dollar loans rose to 4.05 percent from 3.88 percent on Monday. LIBOR for three-month euro loans, meanwhile, rose to 5.27 percent, from 5.22 percent Monday.

Critics of the bailout package believe that it was too costly and wouldn't have done enough to jump-start lending. To maintain pressure ahead of Thursday's likely vote, President Bush said in

a statement from the White House early Tuesday that the damage to the economy will be "painful and lasting" unless Congress passes the bailout measure.

On Wall Street, many traders likely will proceed cautiously while they gauge prospects for resurrecting the bailout effort, which was backed by leaders of both parties.

"I'm not getting the sense that investors are going to be jumping in with both feet until there is some kind of resolution on the plan," said James Maguire, an NYSE floor trader with

Christopher J. Forbes. "If there's a no vote, we're going to see a lower overall drift in stocks. It will be a slow bleed."

Tuesday marked the final session of the third quarter — and what is typically the worst month for the stock market — so some portfolio managers might have been eager to dress up their performance.

The Dow rose 485.21, or 4.68 percent, to 10,850.66 after falling nearly 7 percent on Monday to its lowest close in nearly three years. It was the largest point drop and 17th largest

percentage drop in the blue chip index. The percentage decline was far less severe than the 20-plus-percent drops seen in the stock market crash of October 1987 and before the Great Depression.

Broader stock indicators also bounced higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index recovered 58.35, or 5.27 percent, to 1,164.74, and the NASDAQ composite index rose 98.60, or 4.97 percent, to 2,082.33.

The S&P fell 8.79 percent Monday, while the Nasdaq lost 9.14 percent.

The yield on the 3-month Treasury bill rose Tuesday to 0.89 percent from 0.14 percent late Monday. The yield fell Monday as investors clamored for the safety of government debt. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.83 percent from 3.58 percent late Monday. The dollar rose against other major currencies and gold prices advanced.

While investors focused on what might come from Washington this week, Wall Street was cheered by several economic readings.

A private research group reported that consumer confidence rose unexpectedly in September. The Conference Board said Tuesday its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 59.8 from a revised 58.5 in August; Wall Street had expected a reading of 55.5, according to Thomson/IFR. The reading, which doesn't reflect attitudes following Monday's steep stock market sell-off, remains near a 16-year low.

The Chicago Purchasing Managers' index, which measures business conditions across Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana, came in at 56.7 compared with 57.9 in August — a second-straight month of a strong reading.

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# Ferentz expects Greene to be fine



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Head coach Kirk Ferentz gives words of encouragement to the Iowa defense during the second quarter against Northwestern in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 27. The Hawkeyes look to end a two-game losing streak on Saturday against Michigan State.

Running backs were the main topic of conversation at Kirk Ferentz's weekly press conference Tuesday.

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For the first five weeks of the season, Kirk Ferentz's press

conferences were anything but original.

The 10-year head coach would walk into the room in the basement of the Hayden Fry Football Complex, give his opening statement, and be endlessly questioned about the quarterback competition. Seemingly the only thing that changed from week-to-week was Ferentz's shirt-tie combination.

But now that the head coach has found his starter — sophomore Ricky Stanzi solidified himself on Sept. 27 after completing 21-of-30 passes for 238

yards and one touchdown in a loss against Northwestern — the focus has shifted to junior Shonn Greene.

Iowa's bruising tailback, currently sixth in the nation in rushing at 133 yards per game, didn't return to the Northwestern game after sustaining a big hit and fumbling the ball early in the fourth quarter.

Ferentz said the Hawkeyes' primary offensive weapon should return to practice this week, adding he's not worried about Greene being able to hold up during the season.

"Looked pretty good for five games," he said. "I have no reason to think he won't be fine. I wouldn't call him Earl Campbell. But Earl Campbell played pretty physically. Used to get 16-plus games out of him in a year, what have you. Shonn's a strong runner. He's not timid out there at all. But we don't have any concerns there."

With this in mind, Iowa is going to ride Greene's 235-pound frame throughout the year as long as he keeps producing, Ferentz said.

"If you get a quality player,

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which we think Shonn is, we're certainly going to use him," he said. "We're not going to abuse him or misuse him, but we're going to use him. I mean, we'll try to do that so far. But we're going to play him extensively, just like Michigan State plays [running back Javon] Ringer. You've got to feature your best guys."

SEE FOOTBALL, 3B



Jim Thome

### BASEBALL

#### White Sox finally a winner in AL Central

CHICAGO (AP) — Thanks to Jim Thome's bat and Ken Griffey Jr.'s arm, the AL Central has a winner at last: the Chicago White Sox.

John Danks pitched eight innings of two-hit ball, Thome homered, and Griffey threw out a runner at the plate with a tough tag by A.J. Pierzynski, helping Chicago beat the Minnesota Twins, 1-0, in a 163rd-game tiebreaker for the division title Tuesday night.

The White Sox joined the Cubs in the postseason, the first time since 1906 that both Chicago teams are in.

Next up for the South Siders, a first-round matchup with the surprising Rays. Game 1 is Thursday at Tampa Bay.

### MEN'S GOLF

#### Men's golf finishes 7th

Following a disappointing second day of work at the Virginia Commonwealth Shootout, Iowa finished seventh out of 15 teams. The Hawkeyes were in fifth after Day One's 36 holes.

In 18 holes of play Tuesday, Iowa amassed a score of 290 (6-over) after recording scores of 285 and 278 on Monday.

As expected, senior Cole Peevler produced the best finish for the Hawkeyes. Peevler's final round score of 71



Peevler  
golfer

(even) was good enough to land him in a tie for sixth place individually. Freshman Brad George had a more than successful showing in his first collegiate golf tournament, following up his Monday scores of 70 and 74 with a solid 72 (1-over) on Tuesday.

Fellow freshman Barrett Kelpin shot a 74 on Tuesday to give him a three-round score of 217 (4-over). Sophomore Vince India finished with the same 54-hole score. He also produced perhaps the highlight of the tournament for the Hawkeyes — his second-round score of 64 on Monday was good enough for the second best 18-hole score in Iowa history.

The team will travel to South Bend, Ind., for the Fighting Irish Golf Classic next week.

— by Jordan Garretson

### TV TODAY

**MLB**  
• National League Divisional Series, Game 1, Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 2 p.m., TBS  
• National League Divisional Series, Game 1, LA Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 5:30 p.m., TBS  
• American League Divisional Series, Game 1, Boston at LA Angels, 9 p.m., TBS  
**NCAA FOOTBALL**  
• Louisiana Tech at No. 17 Boise State, 7 p.m., ESPN  
**WNBA FINALS**  
• Game 1, Detroit at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

### COMMENTARY

## Passing on the 8 was correct

All of Hawkeye Nation seems to think Iowa should have run on its last four plays. It's a good thing Hawkeye Nation isn't holding the clipboard.



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So you think you can out-coach Ken O'Keefe.

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down. If you run on first down and picked up yards, that means you shrunk your passing routes from an 18-yard rectangle to a 15- or 16-yard zone. The passing lanes are smaller, and the defenders don't have as much space to cover.

You run the ball again. Three more yards, and you're down to the 2. Now, you've got to try to run it again on third down because passing twice won't get you anywhere, and call the time-out if you don't get in the end zone. Then what do you do? Pass. You have

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

## Hawk tennis players ace the books, too

BY EVELYN LAU  
The Daily Iowan

Most college students think they have it tough. Between going to school full-time, working a part-time job, and spending time with friends, they wonder where all their time goes.

For the current seven members of the Iowa women's tennis team, they know they have it tough. Enduring practice four days a week, sometimes as early as 6 a.m., and having to miss time in the classroom because of travel for competition can make things a lot more complicated.

Yet despite those difficulties, they still manage to find time for school.

The stereotype about student-athletes in a Division-I school seems to be that academics come after athletics. However, that is anything but the case for this Hawkeyes squad, which has players with surprisingly diverse majors, ranging from civil engineering to integrative physiology to



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa freshman tennis player Ally Majercik studies in a Quadrangle lounge on Monday. Freshmen athletes are required to study at the learning center six hours a week.

### ON THE WEB

To learn more about the focus the Iowa women's tennis team has on academics, go to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) and watch the video.

journalism and mass communication.

Junior Kelcie Klockenga, a

business major, said that if anything, being a student-athlete means that there is more focus on schoolwork, rather than less, because of the strict regimen.

"You just have to manage

SEE TENNIS, 3B

# SPORTS 'N' STUFF

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

By The Associated Press

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

x-Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	89	74	.546	—
Minnesota	88	75	.540	1
Cleveland	81	81	.500	7½
Kansas City	75	87	.463	13½
Detroit	74	88	.457	14½

West Division

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

x-clinched division  
y-clinched wild card  
Tuesday's Game  
Boston (Lester Sox 1, Minnesota 0)  
End Regular Season

**RUNS BATTED IN**

Howard, Philadelphia, 146; DWright, New York, 124; AdGonzalez, San Diego, 119; Pujols, St. Louis, 116; Delgado, New York, 115; Ludwick, St. Louis, 113; Beltran, New York, 112.

**Pitching (15 Decisions)**

Lincecum, San Francisco, 18-5, .783; Webb, Arizona, 22-7, .759; Volquez, Cincinnati, 17-6, .739; Dempster, Chicago, 17-6, .739; Lohse, St. Louis, 15-5, .714; Zambrano, Chicago, 14-6, .700; JSantana, New York, 16-7, .696; Moyer, Philadelphia, 16-7, .696.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
Mauer Min	146	536	98	176	328
Pedroia Bos	157	653	118	213	326
Kinsler Tex	121	518	102	163	319
Ordonez Det	146	561	72	178	317
Youkilis Bos	145	538	91	168	312
ISuzuki Sea	162	686	103	213	310
Dejesus KC	135	518	70	159	307
Polanco Det	141	580	90	178	307
Markakis Bal	157	595	106	182	306
Hamilton Tex	156	624	98	192	304
Huff Bal	154	598	96	182	304

**Home Runs**

McCabrer, Detroit, 37; Quentin, Chicago, 36; ARodriguez, New York, 35; Dye, Chicago, 34; Thome, Chicago, 34; Sizemore, Cleveland, 33; Cust, Oakland, 33.

**RUNS BATTED IN**

Hamilton, Texas, 130; Morneau, Minnesota, 129; McCabrer, Detroit, 127; Youkilis, Boston, 115; Ibanez, Seattle, 110; Huff, Baltimore, 108; Mora, Baltimore, 104.

**Pitching (15 Decisions)**

CLee, Cleveland, 22-3, .890; Matsuzaka, Boston, 18-3, .857; Perkins, Minnesota, 12-4, .750; SBaker, Minnesota, 11-4, .733; Lester, Boston, 16-6, .727; Saunders, Los Angeles, 17-7, .708; Lackey, Los Angeles, 12-5, .706.

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Boston (Lester 16-6) at Los Angeles (Lackey 12-5), 8:37 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 3  
Boston (Matsuzaka 18-3) at Los Angeles (Santana 16-7), 8:37 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 5  
Los Angeles (Saunders 17-7) at Boston (Beckett 10-0), TBA  
Monday, Oct. 6  
Los Angeles at Boston, TBA, if necessary  
Wednesday, Oct. 8  
Boston at Los Angeles, TBA, if necessary  
Tampa Bay vs. Chicago

Thursday, Oct. 2  
Chicago (Vazquez 12-16) at Tampa Bay (Shields 14-9), 7:37 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 3  
Chicago (Buehrle 15-12) at Tampa Bay (Kazmir 12-8), 5:07 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 5  
Tampa Bay at Chicago, TBA  
Monday, Oct. 6  
Tampa Bay at Chicago, if necessary  
Wednesday, Oct. 8  
Chicago at Tampa Bay, TBA, if necessary

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

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Today's Game  
Los Angeles (Lowe 14-11) at Chicago (Dempster 17-6), 5:37 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 2  
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

Today's Game  
Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-0) at Philadelphia (Hamels 14-10), 2:07 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 2  
Milwaukee (Sabathia 11-2) at Philadelphia (Myers 10-13), 4:07 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 4  
Philadelphia (Moyer 16-7) at Milwaukee, 5:37 p.m.  
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Tuesday, Oct. 7  
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary

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Howard, Philadelphia, 48; Dunn, Arizona, 40; Delgado, New York, 38; Braun, Milwaukee, 37; Ludwick, St. Louis, 37; Pujols, St. Louis, 37; AdGonzalez, San Diego, 36.

**TRANSACTIONS**

**BASEBALL**

**American League**

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Announced bullpen coach Luis Isaac will not return next season.  
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with general manager Brian Cashman on a three-year contract.  
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed pitching coach Brad Arnsberg, bench coach Brian Butterfield, third base coach Nick Leyva, first base coach Dwayne Murphy, hitting coach Gene Tenace, and bullpen coach Bruce Walton to two-year contracts.

**National League**

CHICAGO CUBS—Picked up the 2010 option on the contract of manager Lou Piniella.  
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired LHP Michael Watt and RHP Eduardo Perez from the Los Angeles Dodgers to complete an earlier trade.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

DENVER NUGGETS—Signed G Mateen Cleaves, G William "Smush" Parker, F Nick Fazekas, F James Mays and F Ruben Patterson to their training camp roster.  
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Signed F-C Malick Badiane.  
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G Kevin Ollie.  
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Named Aaron McKie assistant coach.  
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed F Jamal Sampson.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed FB Corey McIntyre.  
Released FB Darrian Barnes.  
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed OT Jonathan Palmer to the practice squad. Released FB Billy Latsko from the practice squad.  
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed RB Cedric Benson. Placed RB DeDe Dorsey on injured reserve.  
DENVER BRONCOS—Placed WR Clifford Russell on the reserve-injured list. Signed WR Glenn Martinez.  
HOUSTON TEXANS—Placed S C.C. Brown on injured reserve. Signed FB Cecil Sapp. Signed LB Kevin Coley to the practice squad. Released TE Clark Harris.  
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Fired coach Lane Kiffin. Promoted offensive line coach Tom Cable to interim head coach.

## On putting and 'Grey's Anatomy'

This week, the *DI* talks to Iowa women's golfer Tyrette Metzendorf, as she and the Hawkeyes prepare for their only home tournament, slated for this weekend at Finkbine Golf Course.

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Tyrette Metzendorf golfer

The *DI* caught up with Iowa senior golfer Tyrette Metzendorf to ask some questions ranging from the Hawkeye Invitational to watching her favorite television show.

The Florida native holds the school record for the lowest score of an 18-hole round, 68, and has two top-20 finishes in as many tournaments as this season. At the rate that she's going, Metzendorf will be long remembered after her graduation by the record books that will have her name written all over them.

*DI*: At what age did you start playing golf and what inspired you to do so?

**Metzendorf**: I was 8 years old, and it was my dad [who inspired me]. He just wanted me to start doing it, so I would go out with him. I played in this little kid golf league and had a lot of fun with that. [My dad] told me that I had to do it for a year to see if I liked it. I ended up liking it, so I did it for another year and by that time I was decent at it, so I decided to play for real.

*DI*: You make the game look pretty easy when you're out on the course. Do you have any specific pre-tournament training methods that contribute to your low scores?

**Metzendorf**: I haven't been putting very well, so this past week, I went out and worked a lot on my putting.

*DI*: You and your teammates have obviously formed friendships while competing over the years. What kind of stuff do you all do together during the free time that you have?

**Metzendorf**: I live with the other senior, Becky [Quinby].

This past Thursday was the season premiere of "Grey's Anatomy," so there were six out of the nine of us at our apartment watching "Grey's." We spend a lot of time together, and we're really good friends.

*DI*: If you had the opportunity to play at a course anywhere in the world, where would it be and whom would you want to compete against?

**Metzendorf**: Probably St. Andrews with my dad.

*DI*: Your one and only home tournament is coming up this weekend. What is your favorite part about playing at home?

**Metzendorf**: It's really nice because all of our fans can come out and watch — it is the only feasible one for anybody to come to. Having my friends come out and having my dad come here. Again, it is our home course, and we play out at Finkbine every day. It's just nice because I'm familiar with it, I feel comfortable and I feel confident coming into it. It's our home course, where we play all the time and everyone there is wanting us to win, so it's just a really good atmosphere and helps get me pumped up.

*DI*: What is your favorite club in your golf bag and why?

**Metzendorf**: I don't have a favorite. I like them all equally.

*DI*: What do you want to do after you graduate from Iowa?

**Metzendorf**: I'm not even sure exactly. I've been thinking about that a lot. We'll see where I can get a job.

# Running in the family

Brothers Eric and Bruce MacTaggart thrive in their individual roles for the men's cross-country team.

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Eric and Bruce MacTaggart are more than just brothers. While their differences outweigh their similarities, each MacTaggart is a devout member of Larry Wieczorek's cross-country and track programs.

The brothers from Glen Ellyn, Ill., have completely different running styles, and each has embraced his own specific role on the Iowa men's cross-country team.

For starters, Eric MacTaggart is a fifth-year senior and was an All-American for Larry Wieczorek's 2006 outdoor track and field squad in the 10,000 meters. Achieving All-American status in cross-country is the next item on his to-do list before he says goodbye to Iowa City.

"My ultimate goal is to get that All-American status [in cross-country]," he said. "As long as I keep putting in the work and I'm consistent with my training, then there's not a lot more I can do to get to that level."

Wieczorek said Eric MacTaggart is a finesse runner who will maintain a grueling pace throughout the course of a race.

"I think he just gets better every day," Wieczorek said. At the Hawkeye Invitational on Aug. 29, Eric MacTaggart kicked off his senior campaign by guiding Iowa to a convincing victory over Wichita State and Texas A&M. Though he finished in third place overall — behind fellow Hawkeyes Nick Holmes and Jesse Luciano — the team's performance was exactly what the co-captain had in mind.

However, part of being a music major forced him to red-shirt in 2007, when he took a spot in the Hawkeye Marching Band. After being an instru-



BECKY MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Hawkeyes Eric MacTaggart (35) and Nick Holmes (29) run in the Iowa Invitational on Aug. 29 at the Ashton Cross-Country Course. MacTaggart and brother Bruce MacTaggart both run for the Hawkeyes.

mental part of three Iowa cross-country squads that qualified for the NCAA championships, he watched from the sidelines as Iowa failed to be one of the final 31 squads for the first time in four seasons.

Bruce MacTaggart's credentials are not quite the same as those big brother has accumulated in his college career. However, the younger MacTaggart notched an individual win this year when he claimed victory in Iowa's dual meet against UNI on Sept. 12.

"It was great to win," he said. "I hadn't won a race since high

school — being in and out of injuries and illness the whole time here [at Iowa]. I've had some good workouts before the meet, and I could just feel it that day."

A distinct height advantage gives Bruce MacTaggart a more graceful running style than the more feverish pace of his brother, something that Wieczorek feels is one of Bruce MacTaggart's most valuable tools.

"He has a great kick, and he's really explosive," Wieczorek said. "I think Bruce showed what he can do by winning that meet. If he is in the hunt at the

end [of a race], he's going to be able to out-kick a lot of people."

Though his brother has set the bar respectably high, it is Bruce MacTaggart's hope that, in the future, he can make his own mark on the Iowa program. Whether that means being a captain and an All-American or just being a good, dependable member of the team is in his hands.

"I haven't given much thought to filling in [Eric's] shoes," the sophomore said. "I'd like to be a team leader and get into a captain's position, but I just want to help the team along."

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# Ferentz: Greene to be OK

## FOOTBALL

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"So it's not like we're trying to pace [him] here. We want him ready to go in the fourth quarter, [and] then we worry about next week next week. It's kind of that way with our whole team."

### O'Meara to likely miss Saturday

Calling sophomore running back Paki O'Meara a "long shot" to play this weekend's game at Michigan State, Ferentz said true freshman Jewel Hampton will step in as the No. 2 back with sophomore Jayme Murphy at No. 3. Redshirt freshman defensive back Tyler Sash could also miss Saturday's game.

"I think [Sash] has got a chance to come back," Ferentz said. "He's going to practice [on Tuesday]. Hopefully, we'll go through the week, have him back with us."

### Third-quarter scoring

Through five games, the Hawkeyes have scored 142 points, but only 10 in the third quarter. On Tuesday, Ferentz acknowledged that third-quarter scoring is a problem that Iowa needs to fix.

"Yeah, it was certainly evident the other day," he said. "That was by far our worst series defensively. ... So, maybe we need to like do log rolls or something coming



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye fans rejoice as Iowa scores the first touchdown two minutes into the second quarter against Northwestern on Sept. 27 in Kinnick. Iowa will start a two-game road trip this weekend at Michigan State.

down that ramp. I'm joking, but I don't know.

"... Boy, that was terrible the other day. We just — we were sleepwalking, and they were humming. So, I don't know what the answer is there."

### Return game shake up

After only averaging 19.8 yards per kickoff return through five games, Iowa's kick-return team could look different on Saturday, Ferentz said. Against Northwestern, the head coach began shaking things up by replacing sophomore Derrell Johnson-Koulianos with sophomore Amari Spivey. But on his first return, Spivey

fumbled the ball on Iowa's 19 yard-line.

"We're clearly not happy with where we are right now," he said. "I mean, that goes without saying. ... I think Jewel is doing a great job back there. So I'll say that, and I'll leave it right there. I think Jewel is doing a great job. I wish we had two of him."

# Running down the Hawk 'run'

## COMMENTARY

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to give yourself a chance to have more than one option. But now the field is as small as it gets.

Incomplete. Game over. That's why you throw the ball.

After Iowa lost to Northwestern, everyone was calling for Ken O'Keefe's head. All fans are could think about was not running even once from the 8-yard line. Three of the four passes were inches away from being caught by a Hawkeye receiver, two of them in the end zone. The problem with running from the 8 is you'd have to try to run the ball all the way to the end zone, or you're just wasting clock and shrinking the playbook. You could hope for an 8-yard run, but that's less likely than completing two of four passes.

Passing was the right call. Most coaches would've done the same thing.

Shonn Greene not being available only makes that decision easier. Yeah, Jewel Hampton is good. But he's still a freshman who has demonstrated that he can be tackled behind the line of scrimmage. By keeping the ball at the 8, the Hawkeyes had room to run outs, crossing patterns, skinny posts, corners, and basically any other short routes in the playbook, even some medium-range routes. With 18 yards to the back of the end zone, and a passing game that had been overall effective, Iowa's offense was sitting in a pretty good situation.

More plays, more options, more time — that's what passing gave the Hawks. There's no reason to

whine about the playcalling at the end of Iowa's second-straight loss. If you really want to point fingers, the final series is not something to target.

The Hawkeyes had five turnovers. FIVE.

Michigan might've had five giveaways in its ridiculous win over Wisconsin, but the Badgers had four themselves, so don't pull that card out of your deck. Oh, and two of those Wisconsin turnovers came in the fourth quarter, one a pick-six giving Michigan its first lead of the game.

I can't recall any victories that came for such a ball-sharing team beyond that gift-exchange of a game — one that would put the Badgers and Wolverines on Kirk Ferentz's "all-Santa" rankings, which also includes his own squad.

Turnovers were the real problem, and there was absolutely nothing the coaches could've done against those miscues — it's not like O'Keefe is going to put the entire offense in a hail storm until they don't drop a single chunk of cloud-ice.

Iowa had every opportunity to win before four properly called passes at the end, so don't fault O'Keefe because his players got a little generous with the pigskin.

Just hope this weekend the Hawkeyes get a little more selfish.

# Tennis takes books seriously

## TENNIS

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your time really well and be sure you get enough sleep," she said. "I go to bed between 10-11 every night, because I have to get up at 6 or 7 a.m. So that means I have to manage my time during the day to get my studying done"

The NCAA has also gotten into the act by forcing student-athletes to manage their time better by instituting a "Study Hall" policy: All freshman and transfer student-athletes are required to attend a six-hour study session per week, as are athletes whose GPA drops below 2.5.

Freshman Ally Majercik, an integrative physiology pre-major, finds that going to the Gerdin Athletics Learning Center beneficial because she gets more done there as opposed in her dorm.

Business major Jennifer Barnes also knows the importance of good study habits. As a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she has to track how many hours per week she studies, but she doesn't see it as a bad thing, especially because she has aspirations of attending law school.

"I am a huge nerd; I study a lot [anyway]," she said. "I probably study about 25 hours, maybe 30."

While some of the members of the team would like to stay involved with sports after their college careers, others, such as Barnes, have hopes of

pursing something outside of tennis.

Sophomore Lynne Poggensee-Wei is just one of the few women in the civil-engineering program. She got interested in engineering through physics courses she took in high school. While her love for tennis is obvious, she also has plans for her future that involve something other than the sport.

"I just want to go straight into the work force [when I graduate]," she said. "I might go back to grad school after I've worked a couple of years."

As a blue-chip recruit two years ago, Doylestown, Pa., native Alexis Dorr also had academics play a role in choosing Iowa. She is a journalism and mass communications major and picked Iowa over a slew of other schools because of its strong journalism program.

Poggensee-Wei and Dorr, along with sophomore Jessica Young, completed the "Study Hall" policy last year, although Poggensee-Wei felt that it was a little excessive at times.

"I would have done those things on my own instead of walking three blocks in the snow to get there," she said. "However, I know that it did help a lot of other people."

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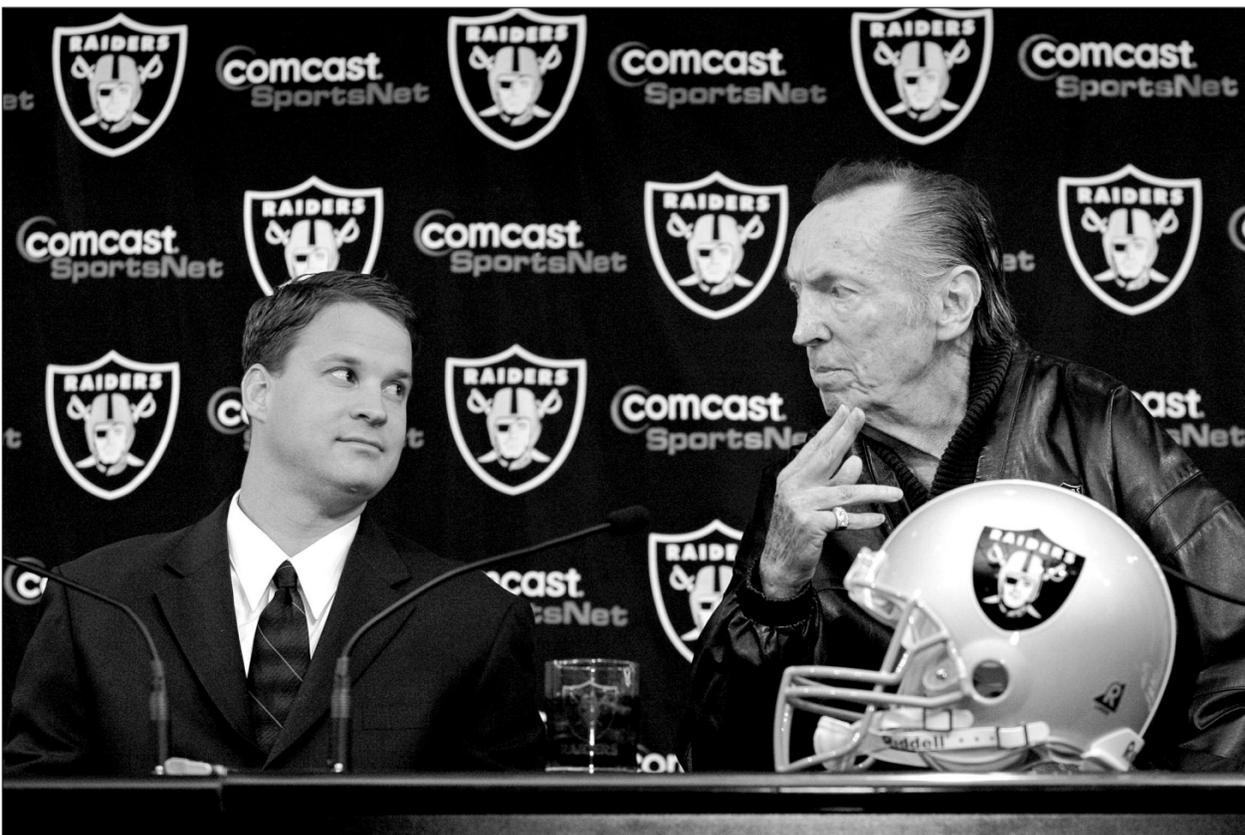
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# In major surprise, Kiffin axed



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Oakland Raider owner Al Davis (right) introduces Lane Kiffin as the Oakland Raiders' new head coach on Jan. 23, 2007, in Alameda, Calif. The Raiders fired Kiffin on Tuesday, just four games into his second season, bringing finality to a situation that had been simmering for eight months.

By **JOSH DUBOW**  
Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders fired Lane Kiffin on Tuesday just four games into his second season, ending a public feud with owner Al Davis that had been simmering since the start of the year.

The Raiders promoted offensive-line coach Tom Cable to interim head coach.

Kiffin had a 5-15 record since being hired last year, and the Raiders lost his final game, 28-18, on Sunday to San Diego.

The decision to remove Kiffin was as much about his frequent criticisms of Davis' franchise as it was the team's performance on the field. Those critiques reached a peak when Kiffin distanced himself from the defense after a blowout loss in the season-opener, saying that was under coordinator Rob Ryan and Davis' control.

However, during a news conference Tuesday, Davis also critiqued several of Kiffin's coaching and personnel decisions. Among other things, he said Kiffin objected to the Raiders using the first pick in the 2007 draft on quarterback JaMarcus Russell.

The Raiders said Kiffin was fired for cause, meaning they will likely try not to pay him for the remainder of his

contract. He signed a two-year deal worth about \$4 million with a team option for 2009 when he took over last year. Kiffin's agent Gary Uberstine had no immediate comment.

The firing, first reported by ESPN and NFL.com, comes a day after the St. Louis Rams let go of Scott Linehan, marking the second firing at the quarter point of the season. The last time a coach had been fired this early in the season was when Davis got rid of Mike Shanahan after four games in 1989.

The Raiders did not immediately announce a replacement for Kiffin, but there are plenty of candidates on staff, including Ryan and receivers' coach James Lofton, who both interviewed for the job when Kiffin got it in 2007. Offensive coordinator Greg Knapp, running-back coach Tom Rathman, Cable, and advance scout Paul Hackett also could be possible choices.

Kiffin's job security was in question as far back as January, when a dispute with Davis over whether he could replace Ryan as defensive coordinator led to the owner sending his coach a letter of resignation to sign.

Kiffin refused to sign it, and the feud went on throughout the off-season as Kiffin questioned big-money signings and other person-

nel moves made by Davis.

The situation grew more heated with Kiffin's comments on Davis' involvement with the defense two days after a season-opening 41-14 loss at home to Denver. Three days after that, reports surfaced that Davis was ready to fire his coach at any time, and it dragged out from there.

Kiffin did his best to deflect the controversy and never went to Davis to lobby for his job or a resolution. The team played much better the past three weeks, beating Kansas City and taking leads into the fourth quarter against Buffalo and San Diego before losing.

Davis' once-proud franchise has fallen on hard times of late, with the blame going beyond one coach. Oakland has an NFL-worst 20-64 record since the start of the 2003 season, a stretch spanning the tenures of Bill Callahan, Norv Turner, Art Shell and Kiffin.

Oakland has lost at least 11 games for five straight seasons, tying the dismal Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the 1980 for the worst stretch in NFL history.

Since returning to Oakland in 1995, the Raiders have had just three winning seasons, and they will be on their eighth head coach. The success mostly came under Jon Gruden, who led

Oakland to division titles in 2000 and '01 before leaving for Tampa Bay. Callahan took the Raiders to the Super Bowl the following season, but there was nothing to cheer about in that 48-21 loss to Gruden and the Bucs — and nothing since.

The one constant during that period has been Davis, who won three Super Bowl titles in his first 21 years with the Raiders but has had little success over the past quarter-century.

Kiffin, the son of longtime NFL defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, was just a 31-year-old assistant at Southern California when Davis hired him to replace Shell following the 2007 season. With that, he became the youngest head coach in the NFL's modern era.

Davis said at the time that Kiffin's youth was not an issue, pointing to the success the Raiders had in the past with such young coaches as John Madden and Gruden.

Kiffin, instead, is following the path of Shanahan, who was hired at age 35 in 1988 and then fired four games into his second season. Until this move, Shanahan had been the only coach Davis had fired in the middle of a season since joining the Raiders in 1963.

Shanahan went on to win two Super Bowls with Denver.

# Buckeyes brace for Camp Randall

By **RUSTY MILLER**  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Of all the hostile venues for teams to visit in the Big Ten, none has quite the rep of Wisconsin's Camp Randall Stadium, Ohio State's next destination.

The denizens of the 91-year-old structure have been known to pelt opposing players with batteries or even marshmallows stuffed with nickels. So while the band is rocking to the "Bud Song" or the crowd is pogoing to "Jump Around" between the third and fourth quarters, visiting teams become acutely aware of the fans sitting almost on top of the field.

And because the Buckeyes and 18th-ranked Badgers don't kick off until after dark Saturday, the fans will have an entire day to get up for the game.

Ohio State safety Anderson Russell said he had been schooled on the Camp Randall fans by former teammate Brandon

Mitchell.

"I'm expecting a wild, crazy atmosphere, and then on top of that, the game's going to be at night, and that amplifies it even more," Russell said.

The Buckeyes don't exactly have history on their side when it comes to road games in Madison.

In their last visit to Camp Randall, the Buckeyes lost, 17-10, in 2003.

Wisconsin has won its last 16 games at Camp Randall, the second-longest home streak in the nation (Oklahoma, 21). The Badgers have also won 11-consecutive night games and 21 of the last 22. They have also beaten the Buckeyes the last two times both teams were ranked.

When Ohio State coach Jim Tressel was an assistant under Earle Bruce in the early 1980s, he remem-



Tressel  
Ohio State coach

bers how the whole Camp Randall press box swayed from the rowdy crowd's energy.

None of the current Buckeyes played the last time the Buckeyes visited Madison, so all of the information the players are getting is anecdotal. About all they've heard is that the crowd is louder than a 747 taking off.

The volume might particularly be a problem because Ohio State starts freshmen at quarterback (Terrelle Pryor) and at center (Mike Brewster). The decibel level can create havoc for an offense checking off or into a play.

"Every Thursday, we practice with noise, understanding that if we're playing at home even, we're probably not going to be able to hear and that the focus is going to have to be visual signals," Tressel said.

A visiting team can quiet the crowd if it takes command early. But Wisconsin knows better than most teams what can happen if the momentum

"I'm expecting a wild, crazy atmosphere, and then on top of that, the game's going to be at night, and that amplifies it even more"

-Anderson Russell, Ohio State safety

swings in a game that seems to be in hand.

The Badgers led 19-0 against Michigan on Sept. 27, only to have several big second-half plays energize the crowd at the Big House. The Wolverines ran off 27-consecutive points, then hung on for a 27-25 victory.

Turnovers, penalties, and mental errors make it especially hard for a team in an unfriendly environment.

"Any mistake you make can get the crowd back in the game, and that can help out the home team," Russell said. "So we can't afford any mistakes."

## HAWKEYES

### Women's golf finishes 10th

Tyrette Metzendorf led the Iowa women's golf team to a 10th-place finish among 18 teams at the Johnnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Mo., on Tuesday afternoon.

The Hawkeyes ended the tournament with a three-round score of 935. Mississippi, the winner of the invitational, carded a 900. Metzendorf tied for 14th individually, finishing the tournament with a 7-over 79 during her final round. Becky Quinby and Alison Cavanaugh joined Metzendorf in the

top 30, placing 26th and 29th. Sophomore co-captain Laura Cilek and freshman Chelsea Harris both ended the afternoon with scores of 82.

After starting out strong in first-round play with a team score of 301, the Hawkeyes followed with back-to-back rounds of 317 to finish near the middle of the 18-team pack.

Iowa will host the Hawkeye Invitational this weekend at Finkbine Golf Course. The Hawkeyes are hoping for success in their only home tournament of the season, where they will compete against Wisconsin and Penn State among 13 other teams.

- by Krisanne Ryther

## NCAA

### Sampson denies Indiana charges

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Kelvin Sampson believes Indiana has it all wrong.

A day after the school accused Sampson and his staff of withholding information and concealing impermissible phone calls, the former Indiana coach rebutted those allegations Tuesday in a tersely worded one-paragraph statement sent out by his publicist, Matt Kramer.

"In no way did I ever hide or withhold information from Indiana University's compliance department. I vehemently denied the inference that I made and concealed impermissible calls," Sampson's

statement said. "The NCAA has never alleged that I initiated any illegal phone calls to recruits while serving as the head coach at Indiana. I always provided Indiana with everything they requested, including all documents and phone records."

Athletics department spokesman J.D. Campbell said the university would not comment on Sampson's statement.

The back-and-forth battle of words continues the saga that started in October 2007, when Athletics Director Rick Greenspan first announced the improper phone calls had been discovered during an audit of the basketball program's phone records.

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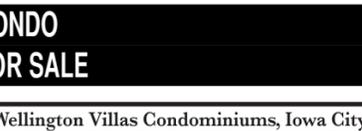
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