Bailout draws fire in forum

Candidates square off in congressional debate.

While in the United States government continues to search for ways to avert the ongoing financial crisis, local communities and banks are certain of one thing—you can't afford to vote.
UI international students and staff are looking to increase cultural awareness at local schools.

By JENNIFER DELGADO
prodi teacher-student

Americans may not devour plantains as often as their senior UI professor and former UI senior NaA Adewunike Tackie, who came to the UI thirty years ago from Lagos, Ghana, plans to prepare this delicious fruit at her office for her students at Lommel Elementary to help them understand African culture.

“Since Tackie’s first-year at the UI, she has continued to share her passion and culture with her students and friends,” said Julie Braund, a local resident. “This fall, she shared how to make coconut oil with us.”

“I think our students enjoyed the hands-on experience of preparing a favorite food of hers,” Braund added.

“I love bringing the outside world to my students,” said Tackie. “I want them to know how much I love this country.”

Diversity at Iowa
In full swing, UI’s efforts to introduce international students worked across the world. According to The Daily Iowan, 22 students—245 students—were welcomed at Thanksgiving dinner, which is the first of its kind, confidently at a young age. But Tackie was skeptical about how her students would react. She was pleasantly surprised.

“Tackie, we thought he was the most successful Thanksgiving and the willingness of the people to take home the “mashed potatoes” said Thanksgiving. “Every bite, sight, and smell of the banana-like fruit is a reminder of home,” Tackie added.

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**Stand-ins debate**

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Hill Bank sits at the intersection of Washington and Clinton streets in downtown Iowa City. Local experts do not expect the area's banks to be affected by the U.S. government's $700 billion bailout plan.

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A majority of the questions at the AARP-sponsored event focused on the current economic issues, but candidates also touched on topics ranging from energy to Iraq.

Doe said reforming the tax code would be the cornerstone of his plan.

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The museum will demonstrate at least one new exhibit of the school year, according to museum interim Director Elizabeth White. "We've had the flood, we've lost our historical pieces, our money and our artwork," she said. "Raising taxes doesn't. Decreases the price — that's why the market revolves around commerce, and ultimately, local banks.

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The museum launched its History of Prints class look at UI artwork now stored at the Main Library's Special Collections on Thursday.

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While discussing education, Opponent Sarah Milani touted Obama's corporate tax hike on corporations, you decrease the size of the corporation, you decrease the competition, and excellence via private-school vouchers.

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Iowa economy slowing down

By MIKE GLOVER

DES MOINES — A budget panel predicted Thursday that Iowa’s expected tax collections will drop by 4 to 5 million dollars this year as the nation’s economic problems begin to feel the state.

Members of the Revenue Estimating Conference agreed Iowa’s economy is slowing down, prompting them to project a 1 percent growth in tax collections over last year. That’s an improvement from an earlier projection of a 1 percent drop.

“I don’t think there is the Iowa economy is slowing down,” said Charles Krogmeier, director of the Department of Revenue and head of the Revenue Estimating Conference.

Underwood, a private economist from Mason City who sits on the panel, added, “Right now it’s anybody’s guess how deep it’s going to go.”

The three-member panel also issued its first projection for tax collections in the next budget year, calling for effectively flat revenues of 0.1 percent above the current year.

The panel made clear it expected additional tax increases because of a slowing economy.

Panel member Holly Lyons, who sits on the Legislature, said, “I think the economy was beginning to slow, even before the financial meltdown. I think the economy was already beginning to slow a couple of trillion dollars from the market.”

And, Lyons said the revenue predictions are “much more uncertain times.”

Underwood was more drawback.

“I think what we’re seeing is the uncertain times are coming,” he said.

The panel’s forecasts are closely watched because state law requires the Legislature and governor to use the projections as the base for a budget. Additional money is available for spending only if they agree to raise taxes.

State tax collections are closely tied to the health of the economy, and Underwood warned that there’s little doubt those collections are going to be down this year.

“Thirty-one states have a budget crisis because of declining revenue,” said Underwood. “There’s as much uncertainty I hate to be optimistic.”

The panel projected the state will collect $6.089 billion in taxes this year and $6.098 billion next year.

The slowing economy promises to come on the heels of several years of strong economic growth that gave lawmakers a lot of easy money to work with, including the political pain of raising taxes. In the last budget year, for instance, state tax collections grew by 7.5 percent over the previous year, giving lawmakers more than $400 million to spend.

Underwood warned that commodity prices have begun to drop, and that typically hurts land values now at historic highs. The farm crisis of 1980 was largely triggered by a collapse of land values and commodity prices.

The panel will meet again in December to refine its revenue projections just weeks before lawmakers return to work on the new state budget.

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Saturday marks the 20th-annual National Coming Out Day. The event is designed to raise awareness and to remind people that the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community has finally begun to part of reality. Following McCain's ads and comments, it is quite obvious that he has no experience on global-policy issues today is a given. I can respect that. He has paid for his country abroad. But though this change is truly something to be proud of, I have really enjoyed seeing some of the things that have been discussed in print. The ultimate effort should continue to be toward equali- ty. The issue is not only that gay and lesbian couples refused the right to marry, although marriage inequality is a smaller issue for me. One of the things that I love about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community is still being denied the basic rights that heterosexuals are afforded. In its current form, gay and lesbian couples can still be fired from their jobs for no other reason than their sexual preference. How can one express sexual orientation, especially if a person haps- ped to identify as homosexual. And even in many antido- mination policies, sexual orientation is still not included. In our country, we send the message that being on American citizenship should be a source of pride. Our citizens have many more social and political freedoms than citizens of other countries. That is, of course, unless you happen to be gay. In this case, you may be an American citizen, but you're a sec- ond-class citizen at most. This attitude, based on heteronor- mative ideals, suggests that heterosexuality is some- how better than homosexual, needs to change in order for equality to be won for everyone.

One of the most challenging obstacles in the road of openness is the fact that people have no idea who their neighbors are. Children should be taught to accept and celebrate differences, of all kinds. We must avoid giving young children the idea that there is only one "cookie-cutter" lifestyle and that it is OK to ostracize and harass those who are different from us. Our children should be encouraged to think for themselves and to recognize that their parents are not the only ones who have to live with the choices of the world.

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The Iowa Cello Society brings its passion and diversity to the public with the seventh annual "Cello Daze" weekend.

By REBECCA KOONS

A more-than-normal sized crowd has been gathering in Iowa City during the past four years for the Iowa Cello Society’s annual event, "Cello Daze." The event, which brings together cello players and enthusiasts, consists of concerts, workshops, classes, and competitions over the course of a weekend. Last year's event featured a total of 160 cello enthusiasts from all over the world, making it the largest event of its kind in the country. This year's event is expected to draw an even larger crowd.

"Cello Daze" Weekend

Date: Saturday, October 11
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Community Hall
Admission: Free

Cello Society members Anthony Arnone and Hannah Holman, the Iowa Cello Society’s president, have been participating in the weekend check full of revaluations, master classes, social events, panel discussions, and, of course, concerts since 2002. "We have had some of the biggest cellists teachers in the country come here," Holman said. "Students from UI as well as from around the state have been able to meet and play for some of these fantastic teachers."

This year’s Cello Daze will feature special guests Norman Jakovcic (age 11) plays his cello at the home of his teacher, Hannah Holman, on Thursday. Jakovcic will perform in Cello Daze, a weekend of performances and master classes for Iowa cellists.

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Arnone, the idea to have a cello choir was practically a no-brainer, because he knows it is an instrument more conducive to ensemble playing. Holman added that seeing and hearing the "glorious" sound of a large group of cellos playing together.

From the outset, it seems as if the Cello Society has been nothing but a complete success. Members not only have the chance to make priceless connections with top instructors, they also connect with fellow cellists who are able to relate on a more personal level.

"It allows us to gather many cellists from the area," he said. "We get to know and learn from each other, and become exposed to different ideas."

Arnone said. "Any student who has even been prone to dismissing it as something for the "old guitar." As a result of this exposure, Cello Daze is a place in which audiences are greeted by sound and style not conventionally conceived for the cello at all. For instance, cellist Mac has a folk/alternative style in which the cello can play like a guitar.

The Cello choir can and must likely play any kind of music throughout this weekend’s event, Arnone said, and people will be surprised by the variety. That, along with the love these musicians have for their craft, will ensure that audiences come away with a completely new understanding of the limitless capabilities of the cello.

"We’ve played everything from the Barcarolle to Bach to James Bond. We do every kind of music," Arnone said. "Any song can be arranged for a cello choir, if you’re creative enough!"

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For a complete schedule, visit www.iowacello.org.

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THE INTEGRATION OF THE WEST

IWP author and journalist Landau and novelist breaks cultural barriers with candid conversation.

By ELIZABETH THIMINS

The Interference of the West has actually inhibited progress, cultural, and changing cultures and social attitudes is difficult; liberating women is not easy. The fastest way to diminish these interpretations is through dialogue, something the Iowa City program provides new to literature and culture and styles that would otherwise be neglected.

"We’re trying to be heard by them, know them, and ask questions," she said. In addition to intellectual discussion, Landau also appreciates the culture Iowa City offers. "I love being able to have a conversation be with a place as a writer, about what doesn’t attract a normal person is very attractive—" she said, "so I’m trying to find more."
Marathon for locals

UI Students will run the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Oct. 12 to help young cancer patients.

By BRIANA BYRD

When Alan Cosby first heard about Dance Marathon, he didn’t think it was about dancing, but running. But even when he found out the truth, it still didn’t matter.

Run or dance, it’s about helping kids with cancer.

Now four years later the UI senior has finally combined the two running and cancer.

On Oct. 12, more than 80 people will run the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in the first-ever “Dance Marathon the Marathon” after raising $1,000.

“The money is great,” Cosby said. “But what the organization is about is showing families and kids that we support them and will do everything we can to make their lives better.”

The runners will also be able to go to the actual Dance Marathon at the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital, according to Dance Marathon’s website. Last year, the group raised more than $8 million.

UI sophomore Emily Donohue, has never run a marathon, but she participated in the dance last year. Without the encouragement of the families, participating in both tasks may be too daunting, Donohue said.

“Just hearing from the families makes me want to run the 26.2 miles,” she said.

But needless to say, the training, which involves a weekly 32-mile run, and additional exercise three days a week, gets a little tough sometimes.

“I’ve been a runner all my life, as I’m used to running 20 miles a week, gets a little tough sometimes,” Donohue said.

The runners’ training schedule consists of a 20-mile run every Sunday, a three- to four-mile run on Tuesdays on Thursday, and a group run with other Dance Marathon marathoners on Wednesday, Donohue said.

Cosby, to help his team train, has started bringing the members to Running Wild, a local athletics store, every Sunday for the 20-mile jaunts.

 Owners Joe and Jean Dwyer, who have hosted the weekly runs since the store’s opening 10 years ago, assist the runners with water stations, and a breakfast of bananas, orange juice, and bagels.

“We have a number of organizations that do fundraising for certain illnesses and end up running the actual marathon,” said Joe Dwyer.

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Soccer faces 2 tough ones

Purdue match to be televised on the Big Ten Network.

By AMIE KNECHT

The scaffolding is being assembled and the grass is being watered in preparation for the Iowa Soccer Complex for its Big Ten Network debut Oct. 12 at 1 p.m., when Iowa will play Purdue.

Iowa’s most recent appearance on the Big Ten Network was Sept. 28 in East Lansing against Michigan State, where the Spartans dominated, 4-0. The Hawkeyes are looking to have the expose to the audience at home, and they are confident that their home-field advantage will produce a win over the Boilermakers.

“Purdue is ready for us,” Iowa head coach Kevin Coyle said. “We believe we are playing our best football this year, and they are really exciting for our program, because it is going to give us the chance to do something more than in the past,” senior midfielder Keiana Huyuk said. “It will be good for the team — we have that house advantage.”

Edged off the NCAA Top 25 polls, the Boilermakers have been victorious in nine of their last eight games. Recently, Purdue (11-1-2) beat (3) Penn State 1-0 in Igor Mitrofanov’s debut as head coach for the Boilermakers.

Before the Hawkeyes have the opportunity to battle the Boilermakers, they will continue their season-strengthening schedule when their team travels to (13) Michigan State on Sunday.

"We are looking to have our best game against (Illinois), because when we come out and put everything we have to the test, we really have success," she said. "No matter how high our team is ranked, whoever comes out to play that day (has success)."

"They play the same type of style, using Ilsilms without its starring position," Kansas head coach Michael Blest said. "It is a matter of our team finding a position on the final mismatch of the first half."

"We are optimistic about this match," Blest said. "The window position allows freshman Eliza Hueson and junior Keira Goins an even greater opportunity to guard the back for the Hawkeye."
The Iowa volleyball team practices in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sept. 2. The Hawkeyes will host the Penn State Nittany Lions this evening.

**FOOTBALL PREVIEW**

**CONTINUED FROM 1B**

Hawkeyes in last season’s 38-17 loss to Penn State.

The Hawkeyes have lost at least 20 games in the past 12 seasons and have had only one conference title since winning the Big Ten in 1990.

For more sports story, see page 3B.

**Volleyball Preview**

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Senior middle blocker Christa Long is not overlooking Truman State, because it is a great stepping stone into the grueling Big Ten season.

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Whether we can do that, I don’t know, but we should go out and give it our best shot,” Long said.

For the Hoosiers’ defense, the expectation is for seven- and eight-man fronts.

If somebody wants to take (Greene) away, they can do that and we can focus on that as early as this Saturday," she said.

Iowa is just 10-15 overall in the last 25 games with a shocking 31-29 loss at Memorial Stadium in 2006. Testing on the brink of another bowl-free season in 2008, a win could solidify its place in the locker room and salvage a winless start in the Big Ten season.

A loss could end up costing the Hawkeyes a playoff trip and continue the three-year downward trend.

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- **International Writing Program Panel**
- **What Matters Now: Social Change in the World**

**FOR THE WEEKEND**

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- **Java Blend**
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Taking his lumps

Through all the growing pains from the first half of the 2008 season, Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi has shown some flashes of brilliance. 10C

Sliding into the midway point

Once sitting at 3-0 this season, Iowa now sits at the season halfway mark with a 3-3 record. 4C
inside this week's PREGAME

Feature story: Iowa sits at 3-3 overall and 0-2 in the Big Ten as the Hawkeyes begin their second half of the season this weekend.

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In the Hawk Eyes

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Hoosiers in the NFL:
- Victor Adeboyejo - RB, St. Louis Rams
- Kris Diekman - S, San Diego Chargers
- Terris Ivy - DB, St. Louis Rams
- Aaron Huffstutler - DL, Miami Dolphins
- Erik Hunter - LB, Buffalo Bills
- James Hardy - WR, Buffalo Bills
- Ben Johnson - TE, Indianapolis Colts
- Howard Jones - LB, Cincinnati Bengals
- Chris Livings - CB, Miami Dolphins
- Lesli Major - OL, Chicago Bears
- Adewale Ogundetan - DL, Chicago Bears
- Tracy Porter - CB, New Orleans Saints
- Adamson Randy El - WR, Washington Redskins
- Courtney Roby - RS, Indianapolis Colts
- Isaac Sopoaga - LS, Cleveland Browns
- Chris Taylor - RB, Houston Texans

Hoosier football traditions:
- The Rock: The Indiana Hoosiers open every home game by touching a ceremonial bronze rock nicknamed "The Rock," which was a survivor from the construction of Memorial Stadium in 1990.
- The Walk to the Rock: Two hours and 15 minutes prior to kickoff, Indiana fans embark on a pilgrimage walk to Memorial Stadium to show their support for the Hoosiers. Lectures by the players and cheerleaders, fans march towards The Rock while singing "Indiana, Our Indiana" and "Indiana Fight!"
- The Old Oaken Bucket: Given to the winner of the Indiana/Purdue game, the bucket has become the symbol of football supremacy between the Hoosiers and Boilermakers. For more than 100 years, the two squads have battled on the gridiron for the Old Oaken Bucket. And depending on the victory, a bronze "I" or "P" is added to the chain with the score engraved on the letter.
- The Old Brass Spatulas: Widely believed to be more than 150 years old, the Old Brass Spatula has been the epitome of the Indiana/Michigan border battle between the Hoosiers and Spartans. Legend holds that the spatula, which was taken from one of Michigan's earliest tracking posts, was awarded when both schools were founded, and since 1956, Indiana and Michigan State have competed for the trophy.

Facts about Indiana
- Location: Bloomington, Ind.
- Mission: Hoosiers
- Colors: Cream and Crimson
- Founded: 1820
- Enrollment: 36,247
- Head coach: Bill Lynch

Memorial Stadium:
- Dedicated in 1920
- Playing surface: AstroTurf, a brand of turf also used at Minnesota, Wisconsin and Wisconsin among other Big Ten schools. AstroTurf was put in place in 2003.

Home Field: Memorial Stadium
- Capacity: 41,505
- Joined Big Ten: 1920
- All-Time record against Iowa: 77-38-4
- Do you know? All of varsity teams at Indiana are entitled to Adidas gear.

Source: Indiana media guide

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In the first half of the season, Iowa is only nine points away from a perfect 6-0.

By ALEX JOHNSON

What nine points can do

In most offices, it’s a field goal and a touchdown. But halfway through Iowa’s season, nine points stand between a 6-0 record and a 3-3 record. It’s also more than half the Hawkeyes’ offense’s pass-game output over the last four games — 16.7 points per game.

In the same stretch, Iowa’s defense has allowed just 16 points a game.

Kirk Ferentz coaches in win close games — it’s what he does. It’s what every opponent has come to expect from the last 10 years of facing the Hawkeyes.

“If we’re doing things well, we’re going to be more close-game oriented than we are wide-spreads,” Ferentz said on Tuesday. “It’s important that we know how to win close games, and that’s what we need to learn right now.”

Iowa beat Iowa State, 17-0, thanks to a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns — the biggest margin of victory over a competitive Football Championship Subdivision team. But even then, the game was much closer than the final tally. The only blowout was in Iowa over significantly under-talented Maine and Florida International by a total score of 88-3.

Since then, the offense has sputtered.

“We’ve got a good thing going,” sophomore quarterback Ricky Stanzi said.

“We can move the ball, the main thing is just finishing in the red zone and executing when we have the opportunities.”

In Big Ten play, Iowa has been outscored 39-30, despite outgaining 23rd-ranked Michigan State 309-275 and undefeated Northwestern 487-586, and doing so with the leading rusher in Big Ten play — Shonn Greene. All in the red zone have included touchdowns on both opening drives against the Spartans and Wildcats, failed fourth-down attempts, and more misses.

The errors have been costly, but they’re all in the control of the Hawkeyes — not the opponent.

“At least [we know that it’s something that is on our] mind, so you’re not the one that’s committing mistakes,” Stanzi said. “These are mistakes we can correct ourselves.”

Specifically, he put the blame on himself.

“Everyone’s doing a good job,” he said.

“Costly mistakes that I’ve made are hurting us, and they need to be at least seasoned — you know you’re going to make mistakes, but at least not as costly as these — that’s help us out, finishing in the red zone, situations like that.”

Because it’s self-inflicted: moments that have been the difference, he team is 3-2 overall and 3-1 can still be turned into 7-5 or better.

“We know we’re close, that’s the big thing.”

“I think we’re able to make a few more plays ourselves — we could be — so we could easily be a 6-0 team as compared to 3-3. I’d say we’re the best 3-1 team in the nation. As far as 5-0 teams, we’re as good as anybody right now.”

Unfortunately for the Hawkeyes, being the best of the many doesn’t help their chances at a Big Ten title or a bowl game berth. And, with the coaches being consistent in the game plan, it’s up to the leaders of the team to put losses in postseason play.

The thought of missing consecutive bowl games might be enough to push the seniors.

“I think among each other we have (talked about missing bowl season),” senior defensive tackle Matt Kroul said.

“We were pretty close to the seniors last year. We ran with a simple game, and you see the look in their faces the last game, and not going to a bowl game and not being able to spend another month with the team.”

The team doesn’t want to do, definitely.

“That’s probably one of our goals now — to get to a bowl game, win seven, eight games, whatever.”

Improving minus-nine would be a good start.
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“They’re still a lot of improvements that could be made on my part (with pre-and post-snap read),” the left- tackle said. “Yeah, (anticipating a defense) is something that comes with film. The more film I watch... the more you can anticipate and react... (It gets to the point when) you’re just reacting now because you’ve been watching it all week, and you’re familiar with it.”

With all of this said, the skills that made Stanzi the popular pick to up- end junior quarterback Jake Chruscienski — his deep ball, his play-action fakes, his accuracy, his ability to read defenses — become far less important when he turns the ball over, as he has the past two weeks.

“There’s still a lot of room for improvement with things like turnovers. That need to be corrected for us to have success as a unit and, more importantly, as a team,” Stanzi said. “Right now, (the turnovers are) what’s sticking out the most to me. Eliminating turnovers is always the big thing, and if you’re committing them each week, you’re going to take that away because that’s only going to hurt the offense and hurt the team.”

Everyone from the casual fan to the head coach can see the No. 1 issue for the Hawkeyes right now is turnovers. But what many people consider more important is how Stanzi responds to the mistake he’s making.

“The last two weeks haven’t been easy on our team, and this week’s not going to be any different,” Beedle said after the Michigan State game. “(Stanzi) has shown his true colors this week in preparing for the game, and not only that, but we drove down there the first drive of the game, and we fumbled there on a quarterback sneak. “It would’ve been even easier for him to say, ‘Maybe this is not my thing,’ but he was able to step back in there and make some really nice plays for us or down the stretch.”

So, in short, Stanzi’s good plays weren’t enough to outweigh his bad ones. Lake Forest referred to almost these weeks ago, this is going to be a con- stant battle with Stanzi behind center.

“I’ve never played quarterback, so I can’t really know, but I would think that you can’t just get down on your- self too much or it will affect your play, affect the whole team and everything,” senior offensive lineman Seth Olsen said. “He stays upbeat. He’s still confi- dent in his abilities and still comes out and can toss a ball around well.”

— Seth Olsen, offensive lineman, on quarterback Ricky Stanzi

Cover story

Peaks and valley times for Stanzi

Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi watches Iowa wide receiver Andrew Brokaw catch a 27-yard pass for a first down against Michigan State on Oct. 4 in East Lansing, Iowa, but 19 first downs compared with Michigan State’s 15, but the Spartans took a Homecoming victory, 16-13.

He stays upbeat. He’s still confident in his abilities and still comes out and can toss a ball around well.

— Seth Olsen, offensive lineman, on quarterback Ricky Stanzi
Minnesota at Illinois
11 a.m. ESPN
After a pair of 0-1 starts to begin the Big Ten schedule, both Illinois and Minnesota enter Saturday's early contest with the momentum of robust victories. While the Golden Gophers disposed of Bowling Green at home, 16-0, the Fighting Illini are riding following a 25-13 rout at Michigan State, the program's first victory in Ann Arbor in nearly two years. Perhaps on Big Ten play, or anyone in the country, for that matter, has been more deserving than Illinois quarterback Juice Williams. The Chicago native ranks eighth in the country in total offense following last week's 431-yard effort against Michigan.

Iowa at Indiana
11 a.m., Big Ten Network
Iowa knows the importance of avoiding its fourth straight loss on Saturday with both the Hawkeyes needing backflank. Senior QB Ricky Stanzi and wideout Marvin McNutt gave the Hawkeyes a needed lift in last season's 38-14 win at Kinnick Stadium, and Iowa must do a better job of defending the spread offense than it did against Northwestern two weeks ago. Sophomore quarterback Ricky Stanzi can cut down on the red zone turnovers and keep Iowa's offense moving up the scoreboard, but the ground game needs to have a strong opportunity to start the game.

Toledo at Michigan
11 a.m., Big Ten Network
While another key home loss to Illinois last weekend, the Wolverines find themselves at important points heading into a rare non-conference date with Toledo. Michigan's young backfield tandem of quarterback Steven Threet and halfback Sam McGuffie have shown promise, at times, in coach Rich Rodriguez's spread offense, but the inconsistency remains an issue. With a win over Wisconsin under their belt, the Wolverines simply need to take care of business and build momentum before facing the conference schedule next weekend.

Michigan State at Northwestern
2:30 p.m., ESPNU
Northwestern, boasting its first 5-0 record in 46 years, has two weeks to prepare for the nation's second-leading rusher, Jared Smith. Illinois' defense needs to step up against the Wildcats' prolific spread offense led by quarterback C.J. Bacher. With so much on the line Saturday, the different defensive styles present to make for an accepted conference clash.

Purdue at Ohio State
3:30 p.m., ABC
Following an emotional win over Wisconsin that featured a last-minute touchdown drive, the Boilermakers face the nation's third-ranked defense in Columbus. Purdue, which has a talent-laden but inexperienced defense, needs to be at its best Saturday to have a chance at winning. While the Boilermakers have a 5-0 record, the Buckeyes' defense has been one of the best in the country this season.

PENN STATE at Wisconsin
7 p.m., ESPN
Penn State needs to contend for the Big Ten championship, Wisconsin is now searching for answers following an 0-2 start to Big Ten play andilies in the latest 0-1 start to Big Ten play. The Badgers have been outscored by an average of 33.5 to 10.8 in the first two games, and have yet to find a rhythm on offense. The Nittany Lions, powered by senior quarterback John Chiles and tight end Matt McGloin, have been consistent on offense and will need to continue that trend to have a chance at the Big Ten title.
Stanzi still gaining experience

Through all of Ricky Stanzi’s growing pains as the starting quarterback, his coaches and teammates remain confident about the sophomore’s ability.

By SCOTT MILLER
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Maybe there’s a reason head coach Kirk Ferentz is the highest-paid public employee in the state of Iowa.

Nearly three weeks ago, the 10-year head coach had just named sophomore Ricky Stanzi his starting quarterback after enduring four weeks of the seemingly endless quarterback carousel, and the local media were clamoring to find out more.

It was in those few minutes that Ferentz revealed his full confidence in Stanzi but remained realistic about the sophomore’s first few games.

“It’s fair to say that he’s not as experienced as a player,” the coach said at the time. “Maybe a better way to say it is he’s an inexperienced player. With that being said, we’re going to have all the time in the world to realize there will probably be a few more peaks and valleys than an experienced player would have.”

Everyone remembers former Hawkeye star Nate Kaeding, Ferentz pointed out, but not everyone remembers his struggles in the early part of his career.

“Any young player that’s there, you know they have to (be understanding),” he said. “You go through (problems) with everybody.”

Ferentz said it’s no surprise that the same held true in Stanzi’s case.

Over his first two starts, Stanzi made some great plays — his 45-yard touchdown bomb to senior wide receiver Auriel Bridell against Northwestern came to mind. And he most definitely committed some expected mistakes — five turnovers (three fumbles and two interceptions) in the last two games pops off the page right away.

Enduring the ups and downs, the peaks and valleys, the touchdowns and interceptions is all a part of playing an underclassman quarterback, and Stanzi — who has thrown for 822 yards, five touchdowns, and four interceptions in six games — is no different.

“Everybody was clamoring for him, and I’m not going to apologize that, but (making mistakes) is part of the deal,” Ferentz said after Iowa’s 5-0 loss to Michigan State on Oct. 4. “I’m not putting this on Ricky, and if anyone wants to, that’s silly, but it was a factor. That’s the downside as a young guy, that’s the downside of inexperience, but I think he made a bowl game in the down and the same there (to Bridell).

“He has shown the ability to stay in the pocket, get rid of the ball, and put it where it has to be put.”

Through six games, the Mentor, Ohio, native has shown that he can throw a natural deep ball from the pocket — such as the 50-yarder he threw to sophomore Derryl Johnson-Kouhso against Florida International — and the intermediate pass on the run.

He has also proved to be proficient in his play-action fakes that leave defenses and cornerbacks asking who has the ball.

“Pretty much whenever we put on the field, we’ve got faith they’re going to run the offensive as we hope, and I think he’s done a pretty good job with that,” Ferentz said Oct. 1. “Where he’s at is collective of a guy that’s been around for these years now. He’s seeing things pretty well.”

Completing 65 percent of his passes and ranking fourth in the conference with a 142.5 passing efficiency, Stanzi’s accuracy has always been one of his strengths. But the sophomore says he still needs to put the ball in the best place for his receiver to make the catch.

“Accuracy very important, he said.”

“There are still a lot of throws in the past two weeks that have gotten away from me, and there was a third-down throw I’d [be] more mature from.’”

Stanzi said when we were in the red zone that I kind of threw a little too soon initially.

“These are costly plays. Those are accuracy issues. You’ve got to make those kind of throws. They’re not hard throws. You just got to get in your accuracy a chance.”

Being accurate comes naturally to Stanzi, but skills such as reading defenses come after hours and hours of watching film — something that he has started to pick up on.

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Ricky Stanzi game-by-game statistics

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Ricky Stanzi back to back in third on third and goal against Michigan State on Oct. 4 in East Lansing. Stanzi’s pass was intercepted by Spartan Chris Hudson.

Hawkeye quarterback Ricky Stanzi steps back to throw on third and goal against Michigan State on Oct. 4 in East Lansing. Stanzi’s pass was intercepted by Spartans Chris Hudson.

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