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## UI panel votes 'no' on regents



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On Tuesday in the Old Capitol, UI Faculty Senate member Steve McGuire puts on a shirt that announces he is part of the radical minority — a reference to those on campus who are highly critical of the Board of Regents for its conduct in the search for a new UI president.

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BY MATT NELSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a packed room in the Old Capitol, with the lower levels of the building filled, UI Faculty

Senate members on Tuesday overwhelmingly voted "no confidence" in the state Board of Regents' leadership.

But in response to the 62-1 vote adopting the resolution,

Regent President Michael Gartner — one of the primary targets of the action — said the move will have no effect on his handling of board matters.

"I'm sorry that the Faculty Sen-

ate had no confidence in us, but that's life," he told *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday. "I don't have a lot of confidence in some of them, frankly."

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Vilsack  
governor

## Tough to dump regents

BY BEN FORNELL

THE DAILY IOWAN

Malfeasance — usually defined as misconduct, especially by a public official — seems to be the buzz-word surrounding a campus push to remove members of the state Board of Regents.

The UI Faculty Senate members decided Tuesday that they have "no confidence" in the regents' leadership. But the announcement has no power; in and of itself.

UI leaders who believe that a failed presidential search — coupled with allegations of regent micro-management — provide grounds for the dismissal of board members can only hope their activism will put pressure on Gov. Tom Vilsack to suspend some of the regents.

Section 262.4 of the Iowa Code states that the governor, with the approval of a majority of the Iowa Senate during regular session, "may remove any member of the board [of regents] for malfeasance in office or for any cause which would render the member ineligible for appointment or incapable or unfit to discharge the duties of office."

Iowa lawmakers will not convene until the second week of January; in their absence, the code states that the governor

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Graduating Seniors | SHANE BEHANISH

## Senior knows how to rock

Every day during finals week, The Daily Iowan will profile interesting graduating seniors before their final send-off

BY ASHTON SHURSON

THE DAILY IOWAN

Considering he's never been out of the country — save for Canada — moving to the Dominican Republic after graduation will be a huge step for UI senior Shane Behanish.

"It will be quite the culture shock," he said. "But I adapt well and make friends anywhere I go. It's just a matter of getting a job and finding a place to live."

Behanish, a Des Moines native and geoscience major, came to the UI in 2004 after attending Kirkwood Community College for a year and a half. But he said his passion for geology started long before

moving to Iowa City.

"I've always loved to explore the outdoors," he said, adding that studying geology was one of the best decisions he has ever made.

"I am fascinated with the natural world, and I love to hike and camp."

His love for the outdoors also carries over to his volunteer work. Since his freshman year of high school, in Johnston, Iowa, he has been



Behanish  
UI senior

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## Officials give salon warning

BY MARGARET POE

THE DAILY IOWAN

Nibbled down to the cuticle, your nails are ragged, minuscule, and coffee-stained — just like the end of every semester. So halfway into finals week, you decide it's time to head to a salon.

But according to a recent warning by the state Public Health Department, diamond-studded acrylics can pose not only a threat to your style — they can lead to a staph infection, fungal growth, or even the loss of a finger or toe, if nail salons don't practice proper hygiene.

A random sampling of 550 nail salons in the state found that 10 establishments are violating state code. The sampling pulls from the 4,800 registered salons statewide, said Nicole Peckumn, a spokeswoman at the Department of Public Health.

"If you walk into a salon and you feel these things aren't being done, feel free to walk out."

— Nicole Peckumn,  
Department of Public  
Health spokeswoman

Offenses range from the use of hazardous products to unlicensed employees performing nail services. The latter offense accounted for the majority of citations, Peckumn said.

Paris Nails in Coralville was among the offenders. In the settlement leveled by the Board of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences Examiners, the reviewers leveled several charges at the business, which is tucked into a corner of the Coral Ridge Mall.

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## Nail Infection

■ The most common types of nail infections are fungal infections.



■ Fungal infections take root under the toenail. In time the infection can cause the nail to separate from the toe.

■ Fungal infections are characterized by discoloration and a foul smell.



■ Left untreated, the infection can spread and possibly impair one's ability to walk.

■ Fungal infections can give way to yeast and bacterial infections.

source: The American Podiatric Medical Association

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## STRONG RETURN

Kara Pinjuv missed last season with a wrist injury, and her coaches believe that's only made her stronger. **1B**

## JUST A SNIFF AWAY

The national rise in inhalant abuse hasn't reached the UI, officials say — largely because abusers tend to be younger than college age. **4A**

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Among other accomplishments, former UI sophomore Eric Crittenden was an All-State football player

BY MATT SNYDERS

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Old Capitol flag flew at half-staff on Tuesday against a gloomy, overcast sky, catching the mood of a decidedly somber tragedy.

UI sophomore Eric Scott Crittenden died Nov. 23 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, officials said on Tuesday.

Family members, reached on Tuesday, were still coming to terms with the 19-year-old's unexpected death.

"It's still kind of hard," said an emotional Barbara Crittenden, Eric Crittenden's mother.

Barbara and Steve Crittenden recounted their son's passion and sense of humor in an e-mail

to *The Daily Iowan*.

"Although we feel a deep sense of loss, because Eric left us too soon, we know that we were blessed to have him in our lives, and we treasure our many happy memories of our time with him," the two wrote.

Eric Crittenden was active in his native Creston, Iowa, community as a youngster, participating in 4-H, Little League, as well as staying involved in the Platte Center Youth Group.

In high school, the 2005 graduate carried on his love of sports as a member of the basketball, wrestling, baseball, and football teams, receiving first-team all-state honors as a punter his senior year.

He attended Southwestern Community College in Creston for one year, then transferred to

the UI this fall, where he counted golf, Ping-Pong, Texas hold 'em, pool, and basketball among his favorite hobbies.

"Eric was a competitor," his parents wrote. "From the time Eric was old enough to pick up a ball, he always had one in his hands."

Crittenden's death came early Thanksgiving Day while visiting his home in Creston for break.

Between 3:30 a.m. and 3:40 a.m., he was traveling in the passenger seat of a female friend's car, authorities said. The car was roughly a mile and a half east of Creston, near the intersection of 160th Street and Iris Avenue, when Crittenden pulled out an automatic handgun and took his own life, police said.

Authorities declined to

release the identity of the female driver. Specifics remain unclear, but Creston police Sgt. Pat Henry said there was no evidence of foul play.

"At this point, we're confident it was self-inflicted," he said. "The case is closed, as far as we're concerned."

Henry said the Polk County medical examiner had not yet released the toxicology report, and no other evidence suggests that alcohol nor drugs were involved.

Crittenden is survived by his parents, sister Kayli, and grandparents, Richard and Shirley Ide —all of Creston — in addition to his grandparents Bill and Betty Crittenden of Afton, Iowa.

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## PICKET FENCE



Rachel Mumney/The Daily Iowan

COGS Chief Steward Ian Besse speaks to fellow grad students picketing outside the IMU on Tuesday. Besse and other COGS members want the Board of Regents and the UI to know that the union expects a fair contract.

## METRO

### Woman faces OWI, endangerment charges

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has charged a Cedar Rapids woman with child endangerment, alleging she drove drunk with an unbuckled 1-year-old girl in her car on Dec. 11.

Deputies reported they were dispatched to North Liberty on Monday at 11:10 p.m. to respond to a fight. The caller said Sherron Smith, 28, was getting into a beige mini van, authorities said.

Deputies reported they located Smith in the mini van with red bloodshot eyes and slurred speech, and they contend that she smelled of alcohol.

A breath test showed she had a blood alcohol content of .119, authorities said.

Inside the car was a 1-year-old girl, who "was not restrained in a child safety device," according to a complaint dated Dec. 12.

Smith now faces aggravated misdemeanor charges of child endangerment and serious misdemeanor charges of OWI.

— by Emileigh Barnes

45-year-old man with failure to comply with the sex-offender registry, saying he was evicted on Dec. 5 and failed to register a new home with the Sheriff's Office.

Earl Sanders, address unknown, was advised to give the Sheriff's Office a new address after being thrown out of his last residence but was arrested when he hadn't contacted the office by Dec. 11, police said.

Officers reported Sanders' last contact with the Sheriff's Office in Johnson County was on March 27.

Authorities said Sanders has three previous charges for failing to comply with the registry, from March 31, 2005, July 13, 2005, and Oct. 28, 2005. He was convicted on all occasions, they reported.

Sanders now faces a felony charge of fourth-offense failure to comply with the sex-offender registry.

— by Emileigh Barnes

### Man charged with pot, cocaine possession

Iowa City police have charged a 32-year-old man with possession of marijuana and cocaine after they said officers located drug paraphernalia on him during a traffic stop and later located

marijuana and cocaine at his duplex during a voluntary police search.

Charles "Ton" Haughton, address unknown, was a passenger in a vehicle detained during a traffic stop, police said. During the stop, officers reportedly located drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

Haughton then consented to a search of his bedroom in a duplex he shared with the driver of the stopped vehicle, officers reported. Police said during the search, they located two bags of marijuana that weighed 1.47 grams and 1.78 grams on top of a dog kennel. Police reportedly also located a bag of "white chunky substance" that was later confirmed to be cocaine.

Authorities said Haughton, who has two previous convictions for possession of marijuana and one prior conviction for possession of drug paraphernalia, admitted he owned and smoked the marijuana.

He now faces a Class D felony charge for third offense possession of a controlled substance. He also faces an aggravated misdemeanor charge of third-offense possession of marijuana.

— by Emileigh Barnes

### Highway 1 N. handed to state

Highway 1 North will now be the responsibility of the state, not city

government, officials decided on Tuesday.

The Iowa City City Council voted unanimously to transfer control of the 1.3 miles of roadway to the state Department of Transportation, which will now be responsible for maintaining the road, resurfacing costs, and snow removal. The city will continue to plow snow with other city roads at the same time, but the state will now reimburse the city for those services.

The resolution included Burlington Street from Dodge to Governor and Governor Street from Burlington Street to Dodge Street.

In other news, the council moved ahead with plans for a new East Side recycling center to be built at 2401 Scott Blvd. The city will pay \$63,600 to Shive-Hattery Inc., an engineering consulting business, to determine exact costs for building a new center and seeking a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

"We felt strongly that the recycling center should be certified," said City Manager Steve Atkins, adding that the city hopes all phases of the construction will be completed within the next three years.

— by Susan Elgin

## POLICE BLOTER

**Craig Baker**, 18, 2109 Quadrangle, was charged Dec. 8 with public intoxication.

**Brian Blackwood**, 41, address unknown, was charged Monday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

**Travis Blanken**, 20, 922 E. College St. Apt. E4, was charged Sunday with possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle and OWI.

— by Emileigh Barnes

**Quadrangle**, was charged Dec. 9 with public intoxication, third-degree harassment, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Matthew Docker**, 24, Hiawatha, Iowa, was charged Sunday with second-offense OWI.

**Ramon Duron**, 29, 813 Westwinds Drive Apt. 1, was charged Dec. 6 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Steven Franklin**, 21, Des Moines,

was charged Dec. 9 with driving with a revoked license and OWI.

**Eric Holthaus**, 19, N221 Currier, was charged Tuesday with second-degree public intoxication and PAULA.

**Zachary Sapato**, 20, 509 Stanley, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Carrie Machado**, 37, address unknown, was charged Dec. 6 with

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## METRO

### Police probe credit-card fraud

Iowa City police are investigating a credit-card fraud, saying security cameras captured a man illegally purchasing several items from a business.

Authorities said they first learned of the illegal activity when an undisclosed local business reported fraud to the police.

In the incident, a suspect used a stolen credit card to purchase "several items," officers said.

Information about possible suspects or the total cost of items purchased illegally was not released on Tuesday.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call the Iowa City police at 356-5275.

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# Grad to head to Dominican

**BEHANISH**

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involved in his church's youth group, which funnels its resources toward Habitat for Humanity. He has made eight service trips for the home-building philanthropic organization, and this past summer, he traveled to Mississippi to help repair houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

His curiosity and "passion to learn more and more" will travel with him when he moves to the Dominican Republic on Jan. 3. Behanish's girlfriend is from the Caribbean country, and he has interviews set up with mining companies, yet he will start a project upon arrival. Shortly after leaving, Behanish will help UI Professor Nancy Budd and Jim Klaus, a former UI student and now a postdoctoral student at the University of Miami, do field work by collecting coral samples from river cuts.

His geology work at the UI has been a little more reserved. For his senior thesis, Behanish studied melt inclusions — tiny bubbles trapped in the mineral olivine — for the past year and



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

**UI senior Shane Behanish plays disc golf at Turkey Creek on Tuesday afternoon. Majoring in geoscience, Behanish will move to the Dominican Republic to work and live after graduating this month.**

a half. The complex research was something he was introduced to two years ago, after he helped prepare olivine samples for some UI researchers.

"I learned a lot about research. I learned about myself, and I learned about time management," Behanish said.

For his most recent endeavor, he spent 80 hours over two weeks polishing and preparing the samples before heading to

the University of Notre Dame to analyze the elements within the olivine. After over a year of work and numerous hours spent on the final project, he finally turned in his research Monday.

"He's dedicated," said Diane Ramirez, a good friend of Behanish and a UI graduate student in geoscience. "He's one of those people who works on an issue and gets it done right."

UI geoscience Professor Philip

## SHANE BEHANISH

**Hometown:** Des Moines  
**Age:** 24  
**Major:** Geology  
**Instruments:** Guitar, drums, and piano, which he has played for five years  
**Favorite color:** Yellow  
**Favorite place in Iowa City:** Joe's Place  
**Geology trips with the UI:** Death Valley, Utah, Montana  
**"Coolest" class:** Botany

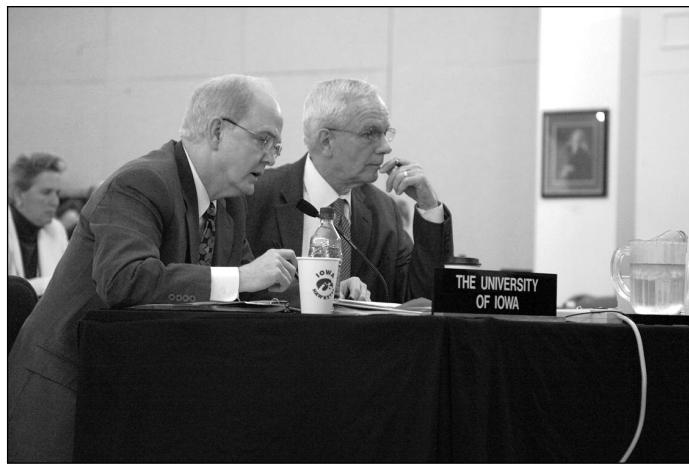
Heckel has been Behanish's adviser for the past few years. He emphasized the graduating senior's participation in class and collaboration with peers as two of his best qualities.

What the future holds for Behanish is up in the air, the 24-year-old said. He wants to attend graduate school, but when and where is still to be decided.

"I want to get out of the American system, for a while," he said. "Life's too short to be dragged on by some job you don't like. I want to do something that will make me happy."

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# Anti-regents buttons appear



Emily Maxwell/The Daily Iowan

**UI Provost Michael Hogan (left) and interim UI President Gary Fethke address the Board of Regents on Monday in the IMU. The regents met to discuss raising admissions standards.**

## REGENTS

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may suspend a regent and appoint a replacement — subject to the approval of the Senate upon its return.

"There's no case law interpreting those terms," said Eric Tabor, the chief of staff for the Iowa Attorney General's Office, which ultimately represents the regents. "The Legislature intended to give the governor the power and [for] the Senate to act as a counter-balance."

While he may not wield formal power to remove a regent, UI economics Associate Professor John Solow has been selling buttons to send a message to the regents: A radical majority is growing at the UI.

The 1-inch yellow buttons say "Radical Minority" in black letters. The demonstration is designed to confront an assertion by Regent Teresa Wahlert, the former UI presidential-search committee chairwoman, in Sunday's *Iowa City Press-Citizen* that criticism of the presidential-search process is coming only from a "radical minority" of UI faculty.

"I'm not doing this as an attempt to get any regents fired — that's not the point," Solow said. "I'm not taking this lightly. Everyone I've talked to thinks this is an unmitigated disaster. I really want to make a statement — to Regent Wahlert, in particular."

Solow is not alone in his frustration. After the

## THE PROCESS OF REMOVING AN IOWA REGENT

- The only person who can initiate the removal of regents is the governor, who appoints them.
- The governor must have the approval of a majority of the state Senate.
- If the Senate is not in session, the governor may suspend a regent and appoint a replacement, subject to the approval of the Senate when it returns.

regents' Nov. 17 decision to disband the search panel, several prominent UI community and Johnson County citizens have called for the resignation of oft-criticized Regent President Michael Gartner and Wahlert, the regents' president pro tem.

Days after a similar Dec. 7 resolution by the Johnson County Democratic Central Committee, former search-panel members Katherine Tachau, a UI history professor, and medical professor François Abboud publicly demanded that Gartner and Wahlert resign.

But it may take more than demands.

"People who get appointed to these boards are typically big supporters of the governor," Solow said. "They're political patronage jobs."

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# Manicure may nail you

## NAILS

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The Coralville salon threatened customer safety by treating clients with used nail buffers and sanding rings, applying products containing methyl methacrylate — which the FDA has deemed harmful — and employing unlicensed individuals, according to the settlement. The document stated that owner Thanh Hoang did not contest the charges. She said she paid the \$800 fine but declined to comment further.

A one-time provision of special funding enabled the investigations earlier this year. Statements of violation were leveled at businesses on Nov. 1, Peckumn said. Whether the board re-

examines offending salons will depend on funding, she added; regular examinations of all state-licensed nail salons occur every two years.

Marta VanBeek, a dermatologist at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, said people can acquire infections, whether bacterial or fungal, in many public places — including nail salons. At UIHC, there have been patients whose infections likely trace back to salon visits, she said. Most commonly, customers acquire infections of the nail fold, which is the skin surrounding the nail, she said. The skin becomes red and sore, and some drainage can occur.

Yet more serious inflammation can also result from infections

acquired at salons, with the possibility of increased morbidity, she said.

Public-health officials advise Iowans to take precautions before settling down for a manicure or pedicure. Peckumn recommends that customers ensure that the licenses of both the salon and the individual technicians are available, if not in plain view, the business is clean and all instruments are sanitized, clean towels are used at the workstation, and there is adequate ventilation to dispel fumes.

"If you walk into a salon and you feel these things aren't being done, feel free to walk out," Peckumn said.

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## NAIL SALONS VIOLATING IOWA CODE

- Lorena's Beauty Salon, Des Moines
- Tony's Nail, Des Moines
- Q-Nail, Sioux City
- JCPenney Styling Salon, Sioux City
- Regal Nails, Sioux City
- Pretty Nails, Carroll
- Eva's Hair Mechanix, Clinton
- Head Shed, Clinton
- The Headquarters, Inc., Bettendorf
- Paris Nails, Coralville

# No-confidence passes in landslide

## COUNCIL

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The motion — previously postponed after faculty, staff, and student leaders met with Gov. Tom Vilsack and Gartner on Nov. 27 — followed a Dec. 7 announcement that regents will restart the UI presidential search.

That revelation came after the four finalists originally chosen by the UI presidential-search committee were turned down by regents on Nov. 17, then re-evaluated in response to outrage from the UI community. The regents eventually chose one of the four candidates, but

that finalist turned down the offer, leading the regents to start over in the quest for a replacement for former UI President David Skorton.

Faculty Senate President Sheldon Kurtz emphasized that while Vilsack did not support the vote of no-confidence, the governor didn't dissuade faculty from going forward with the move.

"In fact, he voiced the opinion that a no-confidence vote would be an appropriate way for faculty and staff to express their concerns about [regent] leadership," Kurtz said in a prepared statement before the Faculty Senate.

In the speech, he accused the

regents' leadership — particularly Gartner — of not effectively and openly communicating, proclaiming that regents cannot continue to function under their current leaders.

Gartner and Regent President Pro Tem Teresa Wahlert are "putting the university at great risk," he said.

"This proposed no-confidence resolution sends a clear message ... that our state's great universities have been entrusted to two individuals who have demonstrated that they are not up to the task," Kurtz said.

When he reread the text of the no-confidence resolution into the microphone, the lower

floor erupted in cheers and applause. After the vote was passed, the Faculty Senate room — filled with roughly 160 attendees — welcomed Kurtz's announcement with a standing ovation.

And even while he asked that calls for the state government intervention in the regents' leadership be held off, the goals of the vote were clear.

"What I'm hoping for is the resignation of Regents Garter and Wahlert tomorrow," Kurtz said after the meeting. "And if not tomorrow, then Friday. And if not Friday, then next week."

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# Board ups math, science criteria

The Iowa City School Board plans to provide district assistance to homeschooled children by February 2007

BY KURT HIATT  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Area high-school students won't have as much time to slack off after School Board members voted unanimously on Tuesday to raise graduating seniors' overall credit requirements by one course.

The change — which will affect next year's freshman class — puts additional focus on math and science classes. Students in grades nine through 12 will now need 45 credits in both science and mathematics; before, the requirement was 30 in each.

"We want to encourage students to take more courses that are rigorous and relevant," district Associate Superintendent Jim Behle said.

The increase of math and science classes followed new laws that require three years of

classes in each, he said. The district would have made the change anyway, but officials would have preferred to phase them in, changing one requirement first, then the other, he said.

Elective credits will decrease from 102 to 87 to make up for the extra credits needed in science and math.

Right now, the number of credits needed to graduate is 294, but Tuesday's move will raise that to 309. Behle said the increased credit requirements are not expected to be difficult for students.

Board members also decided to institute a Home School

Assistance Program, starting in February 2007, which would employ a licensed teacher to help parents homeschool their children. The teacher will provide educational techniques and evaluations of students, while helping to organize field trips.

The program is in response to the 64 students who now get assistance from neighboring districts, because Iowa City does not have a comparable program. Iowa City also has 121 households with home-schooled children, which is "a pretty large pool of students who might be interested," said Chris Kolarik, a home-school coordinator.

"With a district our size, it makes sense that we offer a program like this," board member Patti Fields said.

Board President Toni Cilek said it would be "nice to have [home-schooled students] stay

in our district."

The program is expected to cost roughly \$80,000 for the first year, Behle said. But the district expects to make that money back because of funding they receive for each student involved.

If enrolled in the assistance program, students and parents must meet with the teacher at least 16 times per year, and it is likely they will be located in a portable classroom at Northwest Junior High School in Coralville.

Students enrolled in this program also may dual-enroll in the School District so they can participate in the school's extracurricular activities and use school materials for the same price as traditional students.

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## STATE

### Immigration agents raid Marshalltown plant

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP) — Federal immigration agents raided a Swift meat-processing plant in Marshalltown on Tuesday morning as part of an operation in six states.

Officials with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement wouldn't say how many workers were arrested at the plant.

"What I can tell you is that special agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement executed a civil search warrant this morning at the Swift & Company facility in Marshalltown," said Gail Montenegro, an Immigration spokeswoman at the plant. "This is part of a worksite enforcement investigation that has identified a large identity theft scheme that has victimized hundreds of U.S. citizens."

Agents also raided Swift plants in Greeley, Colo.; Grand Island, Neb.; Cactus, Texas; Hyrum, Utah; and Worthington, Minn.

Marc Raimondi, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland

Security, said the investigation began in February. He said the agency's workforce enforcement branch has made it a priority to crackdown on violators, and this year, there have been three times more work site arrests than in 2005.

"We have said no industry, regardless of geographic location, is immune, if it's in violation of law," he said.

Raimondi said there have been similar raids at restaurants, construction companies, airports, and military installations.

Although the Marshalltown raid was focused on an identity theft scheme, Montenegro said the search warrant allows agents to arrest anyone believed to be working illegally at the plant.

"Evidence uncovered during the investigation indicates that large numbers of illegal aliens may have illegally assumed the identities of U.S. citizens to gain employment at Swift facilities," Montenegro said.

Outside the plant's fence Tuesday morning, a group of people gathered, as federal agents led workers out of the facility every few minutes. Several buses pulled in shortly before 10 a.m.



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## EDITORIAL

# Iowa City-Cedar Rapids train service a viable option

Roadway pollution and highway congestion are not images normally associated with eastern Iowa, but the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Corridor's tremendous growth over the '90s has placed immense strain on the region's transportation infrastructure. Viable alternatives to automobile-centric transportation schemes are absolutely necessary to prevent faceless urban sprawl — and one such alternative has been proposed.

The findings of a study examining the feasibility of passenger rail travel in the Eastern Iowa Corridor were released Thursday. The study, sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson County Council of Governments, found the necessary infrastructure in place for a commuter rail network linking Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and the Amana Colonies and documented the presence of a demand for such services. It is now up to the governments of the Corridor's municipalities and counties to promote and fund this plan and ultimately bring it to fruition.

A rail network exists between Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and the Amana Colonies, but the tracks are designed only to facilitate trains with maximum speeds of 30 mph. While such trains may serve the needs of tourists visiting the Amana Colonies or the UI, such a service would be far too slow to serve the needs of commuters and airport traffic.

A commuter rail network built along these existing rail lines would connect Corridor hubs, such as the UI campus and UI Hospitals and Clinics, downtown Iowa City, downtown Cedar Rapids, the Eastern Iowa Airport, and the emerging Iowa River Landing district in Coralville. The study estimated costs of upgrading the rails to allow trains of 55-plus mph to travel the route between Coralville and Cedar Rapids at roughly \$80 million. When compared with the cost of adding one lane to Interstate 380 between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids — more than \$400 million — this \$80 million begins to look like a viable investment in promoting the sensible growth of the Corridor area. Savings to individual commuters would be significant, as well, in terms of the cost of gasoline and vehicle maintenance.

Traffic on Interstates 380 and 80, as well as on lesser arterial routes, such as Highway 6, is quickly reaching capacity as development spreads throughout the Corridor. A rail network is a feasible option for commuters currently dependent on automobiles for transportation. The development of a comprehensive mass transit system in the area is only possible, however, if the various city councils in the area deem it necessary. This development would be a stimulus for responsible growth in the area and certainly merits support of those in power to push the plans forward.

## LETTER

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## Reason has its weaknesses

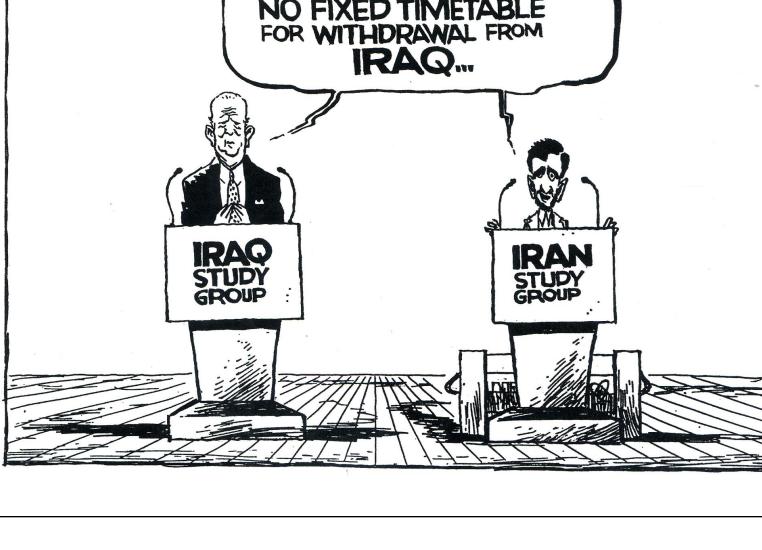
Lydia Pfaff's commentary on the importance of rational thought with respect to political relations between Israel and Iran is a very solid piece of work, ("Approach Israel-Iran relations with rational mindset," Dec. 11). It demonstrates strongly the importance of using reason to arrive at one's goal. Unfortunately, it also reveals the intrinsic weaknesses of that very process.

The rational process Pfaff uses to consider how and whether Israel should or can have diplomatic relations with Iran are precisely the same considerations used in transporting Native

Americans thousands of miles to a land unsuited to their native ways. It is exactly the same linear logic used by those who transported jobless, and subsequently homeless, Jews out of Western Europe to Eastern Europe. It also happens to be the same logic used by Benny Morris, whose lament with regard to Palestinian ethnic cleansing in 1948 is not that it occurred (which would have been an appropriate moral judgment) but that it was done incompletely.

Rational processes are useful in getting to point B from point A. They are useless in helping us discern whether we should go to point B. A moral compass is required to answer that question.

**Paul Meyer**  
UIHC physician



## COMMENTARY

# Iran's conference an anti-Semitic platform in disguise

Iran hosted a Holocaust-deniers conference.

While the government of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad argues it merely is attempting to challenge the West's commitment to freedom of speech, the conference is, in reality, an anti-Semitic platform. This showcase of hate is not scholarly, and it is not a matter of free speech. Denying the Holocaust is an affront to humanity.

The French writer Georges Thiel argued that the Holocaust "was an enormous lie" and that "there was no machinery of murder in any camp — no gas chambers." The *New York Times* reported that David Duke, the ex-leader of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, said "killing Jews that way would have been much too bothersome and expensive, when the Nazis could have used much simpler methods." This is not a platform of free speech.

Comparisons to the Dutch cartoons portraying the prophet Muhammad in a highly negative light in the *Jyllands-Posten* are absurd. There is something wholly different between questioning the well-documented mass murder of 6 million Jews — and another 6 million or so other "undesirables" — and the publishing of ignorant and offensive cartoons. But Jews have been portrayed countless times in political cartoons, and the imagery is certainly close to the same level — the crooked nose, moneybags in hand. Ahmadinejad organized the conference in a response to these cartoons, but he has merely used the terrible depictions of Muhammad as a pretext for pushing anti-Semitic, blatantly racist propaganda.

Duke claimed he was merely present "to defend the freedom of speech." This is absurd. How he could be portrayed as a voice of reason is beyond rationale. Additionally, he is completely ignorant of facts: His mention that, "In Europe, you can freely question, ridicule, and deny Jesus Christ ... The same is true for the prophet Muhammad, and nothing will happen to you" is wrong. The Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh was murdered in November 2004 — shot numerous

times two months after the airing of his controversial film about Islamic culture; his murderer, second-generation Moroccan immigrant Mohammed Bouyeri, proceeded to also calmly slit his throat on the streets of Amsterdam.

But the conference must be recognized for what it is: a disgusting and cynical political move by Ahmadinejad. It in no way reflects the sentiments of Iranians or Muslims or accurately reflects opinions among Muslims.

Indeed, anti-Muslim feelings appear on the rise in the West. A much ballyhooed news report that Jerry Klein, a radio host based in Washington, D.C., went on an anti-Muslim tirade is disturbing — and certainly more so because of the reactions his comments evoked. When numerous callers told Klein that he was spot on, and some said internment camps were necessary to imprison Muslims, Klein revealed he had played a hoax.

He ended his program by saying, "I can't believe any of you are sick enough to have agreed for one second with anything I said. For me to suggest to tattoo marks on people's bodies, have them wear armbands, put a crescent moon on their driver's license, on their passport, or birth certificate, is disgusting. It's beyond disgusting." Klein continued: "Because, basically, what you just did was show me how the German people allowed what happened to the Jews to happen. We need to separate them, We need to tattoo their arms. We need to make them wear the yellow Star of David. We need to put them in concentration camps. We basically just need to kill them all, because they are dangerous."

Free speech must indeed be backed, but the voicing of blatantly radical and racist positions must be condemned. This holds true in Iran — and in the United States and Europe. Accusations of anti-Semitism are too often thrown around, but this conference and President Ahmadinejad are guilty of the charge.

**Andrew Swift**  
*DI* columnist

## ON THE SPOT

Would you use a train service between Iowa City, Coralville, and Cedar Rapids?



"Maybe."



"It would be nice if you had a job in Coralville. I'd use it to go to the mall or to get groceries because I don't have a car."

**Cassie Weigman**  
UI freshman



"It would depend on the cost. I don't have a car here, so I would use it if it were necessary to go out there."

**Allie Norelius**  
UI freshman



"I would probably use it every once in a while. I have a car, but I work in Cedar Rapids, so I might use it to save on gas."

**Mitch Helle**  
UI junior

# Bravery's blunders

The Iraq Study Group's recommendations were released last week. The conclusion ran as follows: "Quit hitting yourself! Quit hitting yourself!"

Actually, it was couched in much more deferential language than that. Perhaps partially aware that Iraq would not be the budding abattoir that it is without the gross and consistent incompetence of U.S. leadership, the report's authors diffidently advocated phased withdrawal of coalition forces from the war-torn nation. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani went, with some justification, ka-blooy. He also blasted calls for possible U.S. sanctions — to be imposed if Iraq's government does not meet certain deadlines for stabilizing a nation about as well-balanced as Mel Gibson — as "an insult." No kidding, President Talabani. It's like beating somebody up and then telling him that he isn't crawling to the hospital fast enough.

The American influence on Iraq, in every way, has been disastrous. We went in based on flawed intelligence, using a plan that ignored even the little we knew about post-war rebuilding, and single-handedly created a fetid petri dish for anti-Western extremism in all its forms. Our troops — who were predictably and dazzlingly successful against Iraqi conventional forces — were ill-prepared to battle a massive insurgency that they were assured would never materialize.

Yet materialize it did, and the United States fed that fire as well. L. Paul Bremer's inexplicable and catastrophic decision to disband the Iraqi army and purge Baathists from every walk of respectable life — Baathists who were not in any sense unanimously pro-Saddam — created a near-total sense of disenfranchisement among Iraqis. Not surprisingly, this fed directly into widespread resentment toward our soldiers and Marines, who bore the awful brunt of the country's disaffection. Improvised explosive devices — on roadsides, in taxis, and concealed within trench coats — became a deadly fact of life for Americans in Iraq. We put our troops in danger, with no reinforcements and little idea how to fight an enemy that cannot be defeated by artillery and attack helicopters.

Now, we've got the nightmare scenario. It's a minor miracle that the headless country's civil war has remained as small scale as it has. The earlier blunders and missteps have made any advocacy of meaningful Iraq policy into political seppuku for those who would be so foolish. Say what you like about our elected officials; they can read the writing on the wall.

It's a bizarre situation for some who argued against the invasion of Iraq in the first place. Precipitously pulling troops out of the country right now is great for approval ratings (which the president, uncharacteristically, has apparently failed to realize). It would, however, indelibly mark Iraq as a fumbling misadventure. Worse, it would catapult a low-level civil war into a pan-global crisis, probably causing a manifold increase in senseless and violent deaths. So, what do we do? God knows.

The United States has probably exhausted its credibility as a peacemaker in Iraq, if it had any to begin with. What's certain is that any step toward stability and peace is crucial. What's more, that step has to be taken in weeks, not months or years. A large part of the most volatile region on the face of the planet is in danger of detonating completely, facing the entire world with the prospect of mass conflict the likes of which haven't been seen since the wars of the Reformation. Even the Swiss might notice this one.

What are we doing about it? Nothing. A bipartisan group issued some tepid recommendations, which have about the same odds of succeeding as I have of becoming America's Next Top Model. Iraq's bloody-handed factions have about the same chance of coming to realistic terms with each other. And if the international community can't even put peacekeepers in Darfur, why should we expect them to suddenly tackle a problem as convoluted and dicey as Iraq?

It has to come from us. Some brave politician must stand up and say: "We were wrong. We shouldn't have started this war, but we will do whatever it takes to ensure peace and security for these people who — let's face it — we have grievously wronged." And then this brave politician will have to call for a massive and long-lasting American presence in Iraq and billions upon billions of dollars for training, equipment, and aid.

You know, since American politicians are so brave. ■

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**D/RECOMMENDS**

**WATCHING TBS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.** Not since I was in kindergarten have I been so excited to wake up at dawn on the weekend, drag the blanket off my bed, and curl up on the couch with my apple Juicy Juice and remote control. This last weekend featured *October Sky*, *Two of a Kind*, and *Selena*. By late afternoon, the station's offerings migrated into Dick Clark's bloopers from '80s television shows. Forget sociology class — TBS is where the real culture is.

**ARTS & CULTURE****Coming together to replace a public loss**

*With funding from Mark Ginsberg, a collection of local bands will come together tonight at the Englert Theatre in a massive collaboration of genres. Their ambition: to raise money for equipment stolen from local reggae ensemble Public Property. Reaching out to support their peers, the supporting artists believe promoting one another is the only way to make the music community stronger.*

**BY VANESSA VEIOCK**

THE DAILY IOWAN

"The greatest musicians are not just known for their musical ability but their social cause," said Ryan Jeter, the saxophonist for the Afrobeat-bluegrass septet Euforquestra. He'd been raving in the interview about the importance of music in Iowa City for minutes on end.

The subject was tonight's concert at the Englert to benefit local band Public Property's massive loss of looted equipment in early November upon its return from the road. Nearly \$15,000 worth of uninsured equipment was stolen — what Jeter called "a big blow for anyone."

"Basically, we feel blessed for having such righteous peers," said David Bess, Public Property's lead singer and songwriter.

But more beneficial than just raising funds, Jeter and his peers seem to agree that enforcing a strong sense of solidarity in the local music and greater art community is what drives the charity concert.

"We're close friends with them," Jeter said, noting that several of Euforquestra's members have played and even recorded with Public Property in the past. "But it's not like we wouldn't do this for other bands. A lot of bands choose to work together rather than against one another."



Brett Slezak/The Daily Iowan

**Mark Ginsberg looks at a 50-carat diamond in his store on Tuesday. He is sponsoring the Replacing Property concert tonight at the Englert Theatre.**

Eric Quiner, the Euforquestra keyboardist and one of the masterminds behind the event, believes the [music] community, itself, is very thick — very tightly knit." He said, matter-of-factly, that planning the fundraiser was "out of necessity. They lost their gear."

Turning to longtime friend

Mark Ginsberg, an active philanthropist who regularly backs and has co-founded such events as the Friday Night Concert Series and the Iowa City Jazz Festival, Quiner said supporting local music remains crucial: "It's one of the most essential representations of a society, for starters — economi-

cally, socially, culturally, intellectually. It's across the board."

Ginsberg was quick to agree, crediting the music and culture of Iowa City in persuading him to take up permanent residence here. "I could have chosen New York, San Francisco, Chicago, or LA," he said. Instead, he picked

styles to come together."

The final list of bands includes reggae newcomers Broke Out Steppers, ubiquitous bluesman Dave Zollo, and funk-groove band New Beat Society.

Another of the selected groups, the Deathships, started as a solo project by UI grad and *DI* alum Dan Maloney has since evolved into a five-piece indie pop band gaining national attention.

"When something like [the stolen-equipment incident] happens to Public Property, it hits a bone of sympathy, whether you like the music or not. [The band is] from our community," lead vocals and

guitarist Maloney said, noting that financial and emotional support from all members of the community is vital. "If we didn't have artistic expression in Iowa City, it would be a very gloomy town." To Maloney, reciprocity is key: "It's good to give back to the community when they support you. It's give and take."

"It is bending over backwards for me with the timing," he said.

As soon as the plans were solidified, local bands became just as willing as Ginsberg to contribute.

So many that Jeter said some had to be turned down. "We chose bands that are strong members of the music community, and we didn't just choose one kind of music — we wanted all different

styles and philosophies.

"Get involved, step forward," he said. "It's \$15; that's what, 10 beers? Let's not waste [the music]."

After all, he said, "what do you have to do but keep your sense alive?"

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**COMMENTARY — YEAR IN REVIEW****THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT JUST WASN'T**

*The resident DI smart alecs sound off on a rather lackluster year, full of films that didn't live up to the hype and musical collaborations that are far less than the sum of their parts. And what's up with Jay-Z?*



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On July 11, powerful forces were at work, forces that sought to distract our attention and cease our questions. Following months of speculation — "Will they? Won't they?" — about Radiohead's upcoming opus, what gets dropped in our laps? *The Eraser*, Thom Yorke's self-indulgent solo project. On that fateful Tuesday, Yorke went up against another indie heavyweight, Sufjan Stevens, who offered us *The Avalanche* (does anyone need three versions of "Chicago"?), a record of B-sides from his glorious *Illinois* album.

One day, two placeholder records. This was 2006 in a nutshell.

But, hark, we saw a two-pronged attack this year. On the film front, we've sat through a slew of mediocre projects from otherwise standout directors, from Sofia Coppola's *Marie Antoinette* to Christopher Guest's *Your Consideration*.

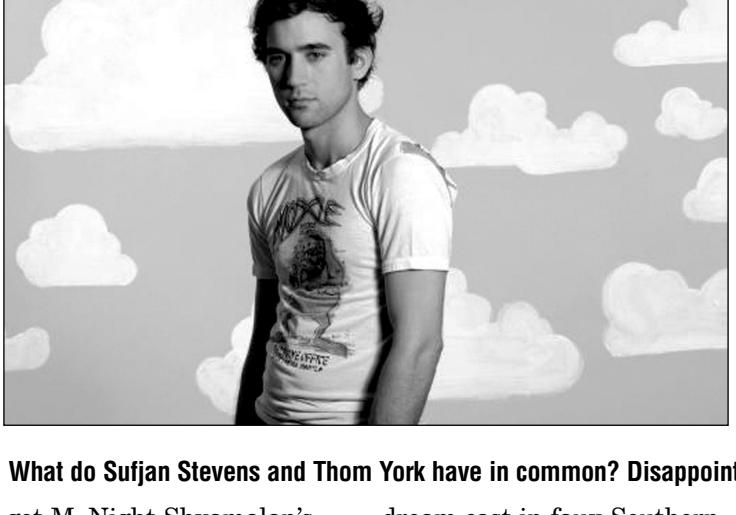
Much like the Chicago Cubs every year since 1945, 2006 was a rebuilding year for film and music.

Look at some of the more notable records this summer: Gnarls Barkley and The Raconteurs. Both groups were reconstructions of other projects — Gnarls Barkley is the combination of rebel masher DJ Danger Mouse and Goodie Mob crooner/MC Cee-Lo, while the Raconteurs, a Midwestern garage-rock super-group, features The White Stripes' Jack White plus fellow Motor-City songwriter Brendan Benson, fleshed-out by The Greenhorn's rhythm section, a recipe for certified grizzly gold.

Much like The Raconteurs' *Broken Boy Soldiers*, Yorke's foray into laptop-composition isn't bad. It just isn't all that good. Like many of the "failed" records of the year, they suffered from hype-ready bloggers clamoring on their keyboards and heightened expectations built up from previous projects. How could the understated blips, blops, and pops of *The Eraser's* "Skip Divided" match up to the rock-opera theatrics of the seminal Radiohead track "Paranoid Android" or the orchestral sweeps of *Kid A*? There's a sinking feeling that "The Gloaming," the low point from Radiohead's last record, *Hail to the Thief*, could have very well stood as *The Eraser's* highlight.

And what about the much anticipated return of Hova? Jay-Z's *Kingdom Come* is two discs of the jigga whispering in his slippery cadence about his messianic status. Jesus climbed up on hills. Man up, Hova.

In film, November saw Darren Aronofsky unleash *The Fountain*, a spiritual sore thumb alongside his two other features (*Requiem for a Dream* and *Pi*). We also



**What do Sufjan Stevens and Thom Yorke have in common? Disappointment, 2006-style.**

got M. Night Shyamalan's *Lady in the Water*, which was little more than a juvenile jab at film critics who blasted his previous work, *The Village*. Then came the overwrought remake of *All the King's Men*, a film that managed to squander its

dream cast in faux-Southern accents. Or how about Clint Eastwood's ineptly written *Flags of Our Fathers*, a World War II drama that embraces all the mistakes sidestepped in *Million Dollar Baby*. We could keep going, you know.



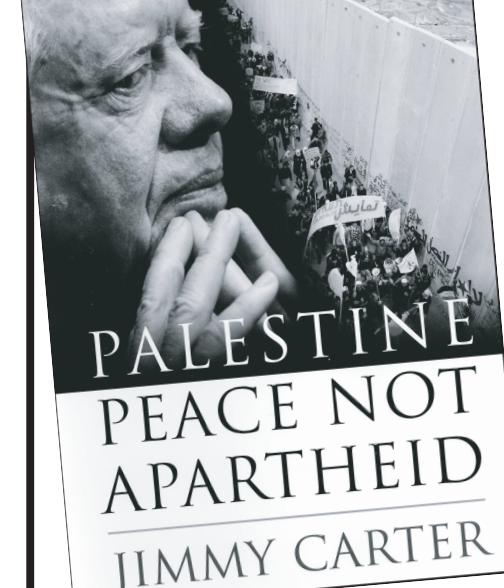
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Yet, with slated releases from Charlie Kaufman (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* screenwriter), Paul Thomas Anderson (*Boogie Nights*), and David Fincher (*Se7en*), along with English-language debuts from Wong Kar Wai (*In the*

*Mood for Love*) and Michael Haneke (*Caché*), 2007 should make up for this year's shortcomings. So we hope.

January, alone, looks to right the wrongs of the lackluster 2006 music year, with releases from The Shins and Modest Mouse — leaks from both can be found on a blog near you. Hipster fave Deerhoof has another record chock-full of off-kilter riffs and innocent child-like crooning slated for January as well. And the Radiohead record that was supposed to see the light of day last summer (then fall, and winter) is still rumored for a 2007 release. But, hey, maybe we'll get lucky, and Yorke will just fart into a microphone, loop it for three minutes, and call it a serviceable substitute.

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## NEWS

# Suicide bomber kills at least 70 in Baghdad

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BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck a crowd of mostly poor Shiites in Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 70 people and wounding more than 230, after luring construction workers onto a pickup truck by offering them jobs as they were eating breakfast.

The blast, condemned by both Shiite and Sunni lawmakers, came on a day that saw the U.S. military report the deaths of five more troops. At least 59 other Iraqis were also killed or found dead, including an AP Television News cameraman who was shot while covering clashes in the northern city of Mosul.

The Baghdad suicide attack shattered storefront windows, dug craters in the road, and set fire to several cars. People rushed to the devastated area to see if friends or relatives were killed or wounded. Mangled bodies were piled up at the side of the road and partially covered with paper. Two men sat on the sidewalk, crying and covering their faces with their hands.

The bombing took place about 7 a.m. in Tayaran Square, where men gather daily to solicit jobs as construction workers, cleaners, and painters. They buy breakfast at stands selling tea and egg sandwiches, while waiting for potential employers to drive up, making them easy targets.

The practice has become increasingly common amid high

unemployment and soaring prices, forcing men to hire themselves out daily to feed their families. The Iraq Study Group report released this month by a bipartisan commission in Washington said that unemployment ranges from 20 percent to 60 percent of Iraq's population.

It was the second major attack in less than a month in which unemployed Shiites were lured to their deaths by a suicide bomber promising to hire them for the day. On Nov. 19, 22 people were killed, and 44 were wounded, when a minivan driven by a man promising work exploded in the mainly Shiite southern city of Hillah.

Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Abdul-Karim Khalaf, who gave the official police account of Tuesday's attack, said at least 63 people were killed, and 236 were wounded. Other police put the death toll as high as 71.

Police initially said it was a coordinated bomb attack involving a minivan and a car but later said there was only one bombing.

Khalil Ibrahim, 41, who owns a shop in the area and suffered shrapnel wounds to his head and back, also thought there were two blasts, saying he fainted after being thrown against the wall by the force of the second.

"I saw people falling over, some of them blown apart," he said.

Tayaran Square is near several government ministries and a bridge that crosses the Tigris River to the heavily fortified Green Zone, where Iraq's Parliament and

the U.S. and British embassies are located.

Most of the victims were Shiites from poor areas of the capital, such as Sadr City, said police Lt. Bilal Ali.

Parliament speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani, a Sunni, said the attack targeted poor people who were trying to feed their families, "turning them into pieces of flesh" and urged the deeply divided legislature of Shiites, Sunnis, and Kurds "to find a solution" to Iraq's many problems.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, a Shiite, blamed the "horrible crime" on Sunni extremists. "Iraq's security forces will chase the criminals and bring them to justice," he said.

The prime minister has come under fire from powerful politicians who accuse him of not doing enough to stop the sectarian violence that has spiraled since a Feb. 22 bombing destroyed the golden dome of a revered Shiite mosque in Samarra.

On Monday, police discovered a bomb hidden outside the Samarra mosque. The bomb exploded while coalition bomb disposal officials were removing it, slightly damaging the building, the U.S. command said.

Al-Maliki said Tuesday there was no alternative to his national unity government, arguing that talks between major partners in his ruling coalition to form a new bloc in Parliament did not amount to a bid to unseat him.

Two key political figures, Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, a Sunni who was meeting with

## Baghdad attack

Two car bombs detonated within seconds of one another in Tayaran Square where day laborers gather looking for work.

**Baghdad**



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An Iraqi stands in Tayaran square in Baghdad on Tuesday after two synchronized explosions hit the area. Suspected insurgents set off two bombs where scores of Iraqis were waiting for jobs as day laborers, killing at least 70 people and wounding at least 230, police said.

## U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL KOFI ANNAN

# Annan pushes council to act on Darfur

BY ELIANE ENGELER

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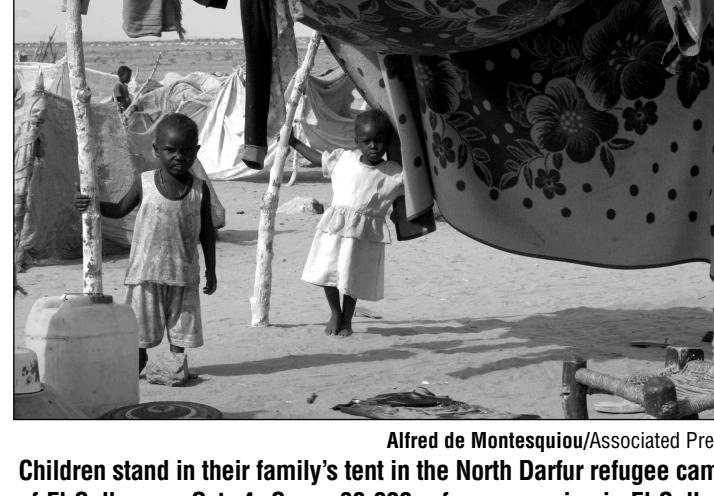
GENEVA — His time at the helm of the world body nearing an end, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan stepped up his efforts Tuesday to force a halt to atrocities in Darfur, demanding the U.N. Human Rights Council send an independent team of investigators to the volatile Sudanese region.

Annan, whose 10-year stewardship of the United Nations will end Dec. 31, was joined by top U.N. officials and agencies increasingly frustrated in their efforts to bring relief to people suffering from nearly four years of bloodshed.

"It is urgent that we take action to prevent further violations, including by bringing to account those responsible for the numerous crimes that have already been committed," Annan told the 47-nation council's emergency session on Darfur. The body is expected to decide today whether to pass a resolution, which would be non-binding but increase political pressure.

The council, which replaced the widely discredited Human Rights Commission in June, has used its six previous sessions to pass eight resolutions denouncing Israeli treatment of Arabs. No other government has been accused of rights violations.

Annan said militias were attacking defenseless civilians in Darfur and that "large numbers of women" were being raped.



Alfred de Montesquieu/Associated Press  
Children stand in their family's tent in the North Darfur refugee camp of El Sallam on Oct. 4. Some 80,000 refugees survive in El Sallam and the nearby camp of Abu Shouk, with humanitarian workers struggling to provide aid amid growing violence and security problems.

"I urge you to lose no time in sending a team of independent and universally respected experts to investigate the latest escalation of abuses," he said in a recorded video address opening the meeting.

He stopped short of singling out the Sudanese government but said the council should send "a clear and united message to warn all concerned, on behalf of the whole world, that the current situation is simply unacceptable and will not be allowed to continue."

But Louise Arbour, the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, cited "credible evidence" that the Sudanese military was

responsible for ground attacks and aerial bombardments of civilians.

The Sudanese government also is accused of unleashing the Janjaweed militia to help its forces counter ethnic African groups, who rebelled in 2003. More than 200,000 people have been killed, and some 2.5 million people have fled their homes, according to U.N. estimates.

Annan's outspoken humanitarian chief, Jan Egeland, warned that "several hundred thousand lives will be at risk," unless they are protected from militia attacks.

This may be "the last

'It is urgent that we take action to prevent further violations, including by bringing to account those responsible for the numerous crimes that have already been committed.'

— U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan

opportunity for this council, the government of Sudan, the African Union, and all of us to avert a humanitarian disaster of much larger proportions," Egeland told the council Tuesday, his last day on the job.

However, the deputy governor of South Darfur, Farah Mustafa,

said the situation was "ill-represented and distorted," and he accused Arbour of bias.

"The international media and the office of the high commissioner have coordinated pressure on the government [of Sudan] so that it [will] give its consent to international troops,"

Farah said. The council should, instead, support the existing peace agreements and the African Union troops, he added.

Annan's comments, which were likely to be his last to the council as secretary-general, reflected his increasingly blunt criticism of the international community's failure to stop atrocities in Darfur and his disappointment with the council, which was created at his urging this year.

AP writers Bradley Klapper, Frank Jordans, Edith Lederer, and Alfred de Montesquieu contributed to this report.



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Columbus 3, Dallas 1

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**Q:** Nile Kinnick is the only Hawkeye to have won the Heisman — who are the three players who finished as runner-ups?  
**Answer on page 2B**

## ALAMO BOWL 2006



### If you can't be there, come with us

The **DI** & **DITV** will be in San Antonio for the Alamo Bowl — make sure to check back with us at [www.dailiowan.com](http://www.dailiowan.com) for updates from the Lone Star State as you prepare for the Hawkeye-Longhorn showdown.

Experience the game, pregame, and events with stories, photos, and videos from the **DI**.

Here's a preview of what you can expect in a few weeks:

**Dec. 28**

- Reports from Texas and Iowa practice
- Update from Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe
- Update from Texas defensive coordinator Duane Akina
- Hawkeyes visit SeaWorld

**Dec. 29**

- More team coverage
- Update from Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker
- Update from Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis
- Alamo Bowl pep rally

**Dec. 30**

- Game preview
- Matchup analysis
- Postgame update, immediately following the game

**Dec. 31**

- Full game coverage, including photos and video

## BLOGGING HAWKS

**EACH WEEK, JEFF HORNER AND ABDUL HODGE ARE BLOGGING FOR THE **DI** FROM THEIR HOMES IN BELGIUM AND GREEN BAY, WIS., RESPECTIVELY. HORNER REPORTS IN THIS WEEK WITH DETAILS OF HIS TEAM'S RECENT SURGE AND ANTICIPATION OF COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. CHECK IT OUT ON [DAILYIOWAN.COM](http://DAILYIOWAN.COM).**

## IOWA FOOTBALL

### Klinkenborg spotted wearing protective boot

Iowa middle linebacker Mike Klinkenborg was seen on campus Tuesday wearing a protective boot on his right foot. He was slowed by the device and walked with a slight limp.

The Rock Rapids, Iowa, native did not immediately return a voice mail left for him.

Sports Information Director Phil Haddy said he was not aware of any injury to Klinkenborg, but it's common during bowl preparation for players to heal nagging injuries left over from the season.

He added that head coach Kirk Ferentz is out of town until Friday.

The junior was named a co-winner of the Hawkeyes' Roy J. Carver Most Valuable Player Award on Dec. 9, at the team's annual postseason banquet. He led the squad in tackles, with 129, and was one of two defenders to pick up the 2006 Coaches' Appreciation Award.

— by Dan Parr

## CORRECTION

In Tuesday's commentary, "The more the Mario," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly stated the website [www.mariogalanakis.com](http://www.mariogalanakis.com) was originally created and managed by Iowa wrestler Mario Galanakis. The website is updated and managed by one of the wrestler's relatives. The **DI** regrets the error.

# SPORTS

## THE FAN'S WORLD: NOT SO MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION, 2B

# Injury spurs Hawkeye gymnast on

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*After sitting out the 2006 season with an injury, Iowa gymnast Kara Pinjuv has resumed training and may be stronger than before*

"Not being able to do anything is hard when you're seeing your team struggle and feeling like there's nothing you can do about it."

— Kara Pinjuv,  
Iowa women's gymnastics

BY BOBBY LOESCH

THE DAILY IOWAN

In sports and in life, not everything always goes according to plan. For Iowa women's gymnast Kara Pinjuv, the 2006 season was far from what she expected.

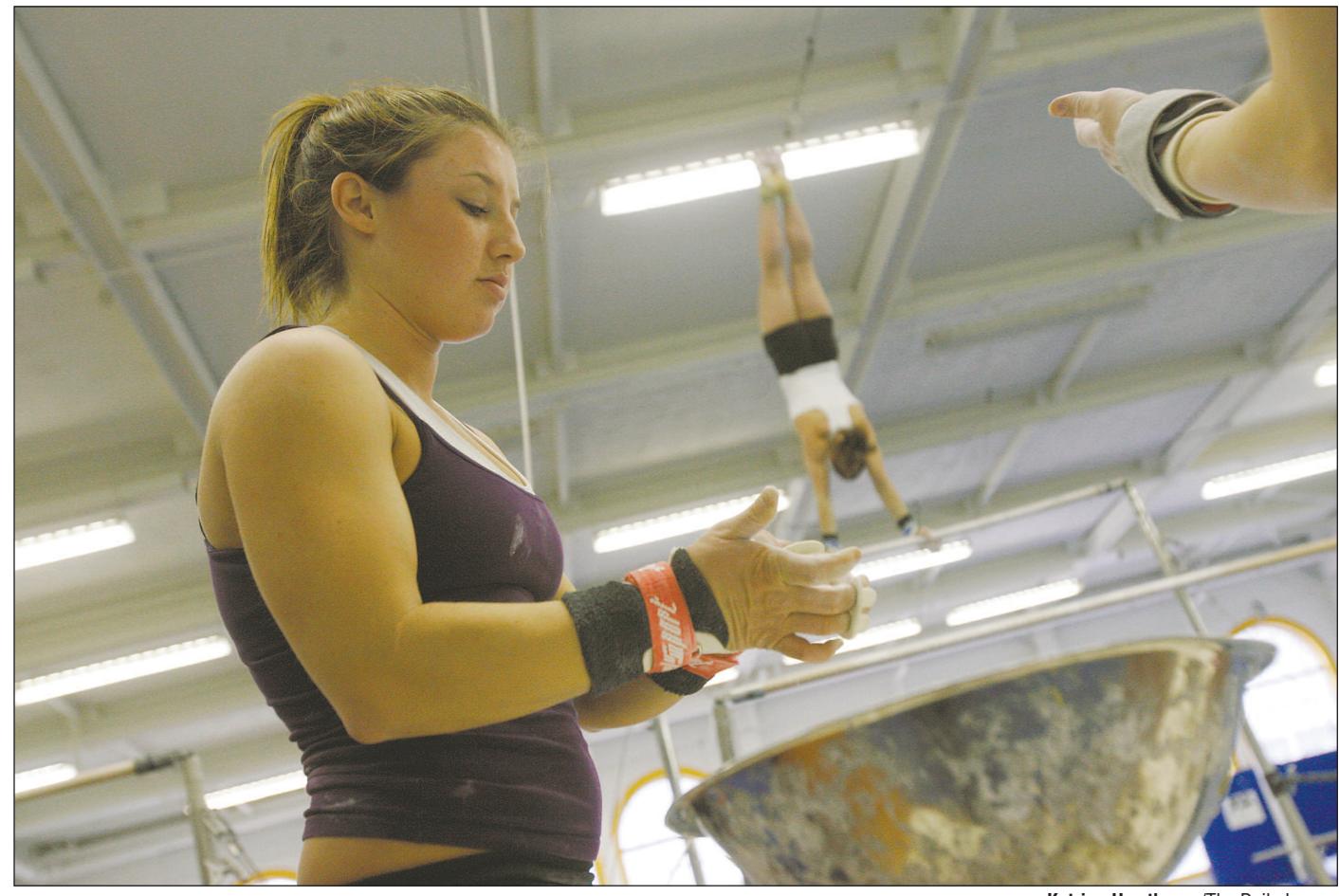
After arriving at Iowa her freshman year, Pinjuv, a Reno, Nev., native, found out she had a scaphoid stress fracture. The scaphoid, a wrist bone notorious for being hard to heal, sidelined her for six weeks before she decided to have surgery.

"They grafted bone from another part of my wrist and put it over the stress fracture," she said.

Sitting out the season was difficult for the now-sophomore, who — despite being a gymnast since age 4 — never dealt with a serious injury before.

"Not being able to do anything is hard when you're seeing your team struggle and feeling like there's nothing you can do about it," she said.

Deciding to take a medical



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye gymnast Kara Pinjuv wraps her wrists and chalks her hands at practice in the Field House on Monday. Pinjuv missed competition last season because of a wrist injury. **DON'T MISS BOBBY LOESCH'S Q&A WITH KARA PINJUV ON PAGE 2B.**

redshirt, Pinjuv wore a cast for four weeks. Later, with a splint, she worked with trainers to get the strength back in her wrist.

Teammate and roommate Jennifer Simbhudas said the injury ended up strengthening the two's friendship.

Even before the cast was

removed, Simbhudas said, Pinjuv stayed determined and continued training, using just one arm at times.

"She was happy and nervous," Simbhudas said. "Every time she'd go to the doctor, she wasn't sure what she was going to say."

Head coach Larissa Libby said Pinjuv rehabbed aggressively, much to the dismay of the coaching staff.

"She's not cautious about it at all, but we are," Libby said. "She's too important for us to lose for the entire year ...

SEE PINJUV, PAGE 4B

## HAWKEYE HOOPS | Kurt Looby

# WORKING ON SOME HAWK INTIMIDATION

*This week, The Daily Iowan will explore four key players on the Iowa men's and women's basketball teams*

BY DAN PARR

THE DAILY IOWAN

The murky battle for Iowa's menace-in-the-middle is still evolving. Neither big man, 6-10 Kurt Looby or 7-0 Seth Gorney, has elbowed the competition out. The two have shared the court on occasion — but not for extended periods of time — because of their tendency to rack up fouls.

The Hawkeyes, who became known for intimidating offenses in the low post and on the perimeter one year ago, are struggling to keep that alive.

"We are in the pit right now," Looby said. "We are in there. We can't run from it."

"Ain't no way of hiding anymore."

The team ranks 10th in conference scoring defense (allowing 64.4 points per game), ninth in rebounding margin, and ninth in blocked shots.

Yet sophomore point guard Tony Freeman says there is no debate about supremacy in the paint.

"Kurt's our best big man, especially down low, defending the opposition's big

### FOUR-PART SERIES

Kurt Looby

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Tim Speciale/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa's Kurt Looby blocks a lay-up attempt by The Citadel's J'Mel Everheart on Nov. 13 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Looby had three blocks in the Hawkeyes' 75-53 victory.

SEE HOOPS, PAGE 4B

## IOWA FOOTBALL RECRUITING

# Tight end orally commits

*At 6-4, 203 pounds, Xenia, Ohio, native Zach Furlong has the size and frame to become an excellent tight end for the Hawkeyes*

BY ALEX JOHNSON

THE DAILY IOWAN

Senior tight ends Scott Chandler and Ryan Majerus will play their last Iowa football game at the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30. What does that mean for the position's future?

One answer came late Monday — Zach Furlong, a two-star recruit from Xenia, Ohio, gave the Hawkeyes an oral commitment.

"Obviously, tight end is a real need position, this year, for the Hawkeyes," Hawkeyereport.com publisher Tom Kakert said. "They'll need to fill those [two] spots."

Furlong is the second tight end to give the Hawkeyes an oral commitment. Christian Ballard of Lawrence, Kan., committed earlier this season, but he has the tools of an offensive lineman, at 270 pounds out of high school.

That leaves Furlong as the primary tight end commitment thus far.

"What Furlong is is a big-time athlete who can play the tight-end position," Kakert said. "He's got good size, got the right frame, where he can put on some weight up to 240 or so, 250, and be able to catch the football."

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Hawkeyereport.com  
publisher

Furlong will be right at home in the position, even though he played quarterback at Xenia High School this past season.

"I played [tight end] my sophomore and junior year of high school, so I think I'll be able to do pretty well," he said. "It all depends on how fast I learn the plays and how much bigger I can get, because I know, right now, I'm not at the weight I need to be."

At 6-4, 203 pounds, his 40-yard dash time is listed as 4.83. That clocking may be out of date, however.

SEE TIGHT END, PAGE 4B

**SPORTS****SPORTS 'N' STUFF****NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic	17	10	4	38	99	92
N.Y. Rangers	17	10	2	36	73	71
New Jersey	15	11	3	33	88	83
N.Y. Islanders	13	11	5	34	89	83
Pittsburgh	18	10	4	30	72	112
Philadelphia	23	5	2	48	124	89
Buffalo	17	8	5	29	74	86
Montreal	16	15	1	33	108	92
Ottawa	14	13	5	33	100	109
Toronto	14	13	5	33	100	109
Boston	14	12	3	30	81	98
Southeast	18	8	5	41	104	93
Atlanta	15	13	4	34	99	103
Carolina	13	10	7	33	95	105
Washington	14	15	2	30	101	100
Tampa Bay	10	17	2	30	84	111
Florida	11	18	1	23	73	111

**2006-07 BOWL SCHEDULE**

Dec. 19	Poinsettia Bowl at San Diego, TCU vs. Northern Illinois, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 21	Las Vegas Bowl, BYU vs. Oregon, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 22	New Orleans Bowl, Troy vs. Rice, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 23	Papa John's Bowl at Birmingham, Ala., South Carolina vs. East Carolina, 12 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 24	New Mexico Bowl at Albuquerque, New Mexico vs. San Jose State, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 25	Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, Texas, Tulsa vs. Utah, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 26	Motor City Bowl at Detroit, Central Michigan vs. Middle Tennessee, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 27	Emerald Bowl at San Francisco, Florida State vs. UCLA, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 28	Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La., Oklahoma State vs. Alabama, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 29	Holiday Bowl at San Diego, California vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 30	Meineke Bowl at Charlotte, N.C., Navy vs. Boston College, 12 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 30	Alamo Bowl at San Antonio, Iowa vs. Texas, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 30	Chick-fil-A Bowl at Atlanta, Georgia Tech vs. Georgia, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31	MPC Computers Bowl at Boise, Idaho, Maryland vs. Purdue, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 1	Meineke Bowl at Charlotte, N.C., Navy vs. Boston College, 12 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 1	Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Auburn vs. Nebraska, 10:30 a.m. (FOX)
Jan. 1	Capital One Bowl at Orlando, Fla., Wisconsin vs. Arkansas, 12 p.m. (ABC)
Jan. 1	Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., Georgia Tech vs. West Virginia, 12 p.m. (CBS)
Jan. 1	Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., Southern Cal vs. Michigan, 4 p.m. (ABC)
Jan. 1	Fiesta Bowl at Glendale, Ariz., Boise State vs. Oklahoma, 7:30 p.m. (FOX)
Jan. 2	Orange Bowl at Miami, Wake Forest vs. Louisville, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Jan. 3	Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, LSU vs. Notre Dame, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Jan. 6	Champ Sports Bowl at Orlando, Fla., Maryland vs. Miami, 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 7	GMAC Bowl at Mobile, Ala., Southern Miss. vs. Ohio, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 8	BCS National Championship at Glendale, Ariz., Ohio State vs. Florida, 7 p.m. (FOX)

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

**Tuesday's Games**

N.Y. Rangers	1	Philadelphia	1
Buffalo	3	New Jersey	2
Montreal	4	Toronto	2
Atlanta	5	St. Louis	2
Tampa Bay	4	Chicago	2
Chicago	3	St. Louis	2
Carolina	2	Edmonton	2
Anaheim	5	Calgary	2
San Jose	3	Vancouver	2
Dallas	2	Phoenix	2
Los Angeles	1	San Jose	1
Phoenix	1	Today's Games	1

Anaheim at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.

**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic	8	12	.400	—
New Jersey	7	13	.350	1
New York	8	15	.348	1½
Toronto	7	14	.333	1½
Philadelphia	5	15	.250	3
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	15	8	.625	—
Miami	9	11	.450	4½
Washington	9	11	.450	4½
Atlanta	8	12	.400	5½
Charlotte	5	15	.250	8½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	13	7	.636	—
Cleveland	12	8	.600	1
Chicago	11	10	.524	2½
Indiana	11	12	.478	3½
Milwaukee	9	12	.429	4½
Western Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	16	6	.727	—
San Antonio	14	7	.667	1½
Houston	14	7	.667	1½
New Orleans	10	10	.500	5
Memphis	5	16	.239	10½
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	5	.762	—
Denver	12	7	.632	3
Minnesota	12	7	.636	5
Seattle	10	12	.455	6½
Portland	9	14	.391	8½
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	15	6	.714	—
Phoenix	14	6	.700	½
Golden State	11	11	.500	4½
L.A. Clippers	10	10	.500	4½
Sacramento	9	11	.450	5½

Tuesday's Games

**TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

#13	Texas A&M	84	Fordham	61
#25	Nebraska	76	St. Mary's	58
Other scores				

No Top 25 Games played

Other scores

Rutgers 89, Mississippi 84, 3 OT

Arizona 75, Long Beach State 39

UTEP 79, Prairie View A&amp;M 54

**HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE****Saturday, Dec. 16**

Men's Basketball at Drake, 7:05 p.m.

Women's Basketball at Rutgers, 7:05 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19**

Women's Basketball vs. Northern Iowa, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 20**

A: Lineman Alex Karras in 1957, quarterback Chuck Long in 1985, and quarterback Brad Banks in 2002.

**COMMENTARY**

# Not so magnificent obsession

culture in unhealthy ways?

On Nov. 28, the World Chess Federation announced it will perform drug tests at the Asian Games, currently taking place.

The federation hopes to make chess an Olympic sport and thinks drug testing is somehow going to show how serious the sport should be taken.

Bobby Fischer I am not, but how would you enhance your chess performance via drugs? Barry Bonds meets Deep Blue — I don't think so.

This story was reported by several American media outlets, in most cases to highlight the ridiculousness of such actions. In the United States, we can recognize the world chess governing body taking its game a little too seriously, but we fail to notice just how seriously we take sports.

A June 2005 article written by Brian Handwerk for National Geographic discusses rioting in sports. He points out that sports allow for a "social support network that provides a buffer from such things as anxiety, loneliness, and depression."

There's nothing wrong with camaraderie and sharing love for a team, but there have been too many instances where this has turned into a mob-like free-for-all.

Maybe the question that should be asked about athletics, professional to Pee-Wee, is the most important of all: Have sports reached the plateau of dominating our

In September, a brawl occurred at a Pop Warner football game in Stockton, Calif. What started as an on-field incident between players following a late hit quickly turned into an altercation involving coaches and spectators.

You may have seen the video of this — it was shown by numerous news outlets and can still be found on YouTube.com. A coach sprints on the field and does his best Lawrence Taylor on an opposing player, and madness ensues.

This is a sickening example of taking sports entirely too seriously.

Maybe the 24-hour coverage of sports via the Internet and cable outlets can't fill the prescription of the sports freak. Obsession also stems from businesses who offer services that may or may not help feed the need.

Can't win a Super Bowl? Not a problem, just win your fantasy football league, and you can shell out a couple hundred dollars for your own championship bling, with a fantasy ring from Jostens.

Yes, people actually buy rings celebrating their dominance over the rest of their leagues in fantasy sports.

Still not enough to calm the sports shakes?

Thanks to two companies,

it is now possible to enter and exit this world while showing love for a favorite squad.

The first, Team Baby Entertainment, provides a variety of college team videos meant to help parents and young ones share their love for the game.

While children are still rocking Pampers and formula, they can learn how to give the hook'em Horns or watch Herky get a crowd fired up. Team Baby also will release videos featuring NBA and MLB teams, as well as a NASCAR video for tikes.

Parents fear not, soon your child will learn how to be disappointing for decades, like the Red Sox, and make left turns for 500 miles before thanking Busch Light, Jesus, and the lovely folks at NAPA Auto Parts.

Want to go out the way you came in? Look no further than Eternal Image, which has cut a deal to produce officially licensed Major League Baseball caskets and urns beginning in 2007. Win or die trying, right?

But what happens if your team receptacle becomes outdated? If a team folds or moves, should you be eligible for a new paint job? I wouldn't buy a Marlin casket anytime soon, that's for sure.

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# Missing Nevada, loving Takanami

# Iowa brands 'Horns, virtually

The DI's virtual simulation of the Iowa-Texas Alamo Bowl provides mostly gaudy statistics but also a glimpse of what matchups could be pivotal in the real thing

**DITV** WATCH DITV — ON DAILYIOWAN.COM, CABLE CHANNEL 17, OR CAMPUS 4 — EVERY DAY THIS WEEK FOR A PREVIEW OF A DIFFERENT MATCHUP IN THE IOWA-TEXAS ALAMO BOWL.

When analyzing the virtual barn-burner between the Hawkeyes and the Longhorns, the main thing Iowa needs to transfer to the real game is the impeccable play of Drew Tate.

Finishing the game 19-for-23 with 485 yards and six touchdowns, Tate remained poised and accurate throughout four quarters in the Alamo Bowl. He'll need to do the same on Dec. 30 and avoid turnovers, which Tate did in the virtual game. Ball security should help the Hawkeyes control time of possession and momentum.

Scoring the same 56 points will be a stretch against an athletic Texas defense, but the balance shown in the NCAA Football '07 game will be important — Tate spread his 19 completions around to seven different receivers. Herb Grigsby and Andy Brodell combined for 258 yards and five touchdowns, and though they're not likely to repeat the performance to that degree, their play could keep Texas off guard and allow for more room in the running game.

As they have much of the season, Albert Young and Damian Sims split time in the virtual Alamo Bowl, with Young getting the brunt of the load. Hauling 14 carries for 92 yards and a pair of scores, he could see even more touches in the real game, to control the football. The veteran Iowa offensive line, which allowed no sacks in the virtual contest, must fight off quick defensive end Tim Crowder and avoid disruption early.

While they have been maligned this season, cornerbacks Charles Godfrey and Adam Shada each had a pair of interceptions in the game. The will be tough to repeat against the big, physical Longhorn receivers. Texas wideout Limus Sneed did help his offense rack up 449 yards, which cannot happen in San Antonio if the Hawkeyes want a chance at winning.

Overall, with a nearly flawless offensive performance and the victory in a shootout, the Hawkeyes' only major improvement in the 3-D world would have to be from the defense. The inconsistent Iowa offense has proven hard to rely on early in 12 games this season, and the defense must play lights out for the Hawkeyes to beat Texas.

It's hard to imagine another 56-point showing from Tate and company, but only time will tell the real outcome.

— by Charlie Kautz

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### Jarrett, Posluszny make AP All-American for 2nd time

(AP) — Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny and Southern California receiver Dwayne Jarrett overcame adversity to become two-time Associated Press All-Americans.

Posluszny and Jarrett were selected to the first-team for the second-consecutive season Tuesday, joining Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith and Arkansas running back Darren McFadden on the AP's honor roll.

Smith, the senior quarterback, is one of three Ohio State players on the first team, along with defensive tackle Quinn Pitcock and linebacker James Laurinaitis. Big Ten rival Michigan matched the Buckeyes for the most first-teamers, with defensive end LaMarr Woodley, cornerback Leon Hall, and offensive tackle Jake Long.

Smith and the top-ranked Buckeyes will play Florida in the national-title game Jan. 8 in Arizona. The Gators were represented on the first-team by safety Reggie Nelson.

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, who finished third behind Smith and McFadden in the Heisman voting, made the second-team.

Posluszny is the first Penn State linebacker to be a two-time AP All-American, quite a feat, considering Linebacker U. has produced the likes of LaVar Arrington, Shane Conlan, and Jack Ham.

Posluszny returned to Penn State for his senior season after injuring his knee in the Orange Bowl in January. Playing with a bulky brace and trying to adapt to a new position, Posluszny needed a few games to get comfortable in 2006.

"Things were a lot tougher this year," the senior said. "A little more complicated."

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# COMMENTARY

# Longhorn lullaby



ERIC MANDEL

plow past for the NCAA rushing record, on the other. One needed a two-page personal statement, and the other had a grading formula on its pamphlet guaranteeing my acceptance. Let's just say I got lazy.

Oh, irony, you're cold.

Four years later, Texas has sparkling, new national championship trophies in football and baseball, as well as a visit to the Elite Eight in basketball, while 6-6 and 4-6 records burn into the collective Hawkeye soul.

Although we did just win the field-hockey Big Ten championship. So, Boo Yaah.

Even though I was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wis., Texas is in my blood. Dad, sister, mom, two grandparents, two uncles, and great uncle — all Longhorns, the latter six being natives. That makes me half American and half Texan.

The Aggies from College Station, Texas, were my sworn enemies long before I knew Iowa City wasn't the capital of Iowa. I only knew about cyclones because of tornado alley. While young Hawkeyes fantasized about spinning like Sedrick Shaw or Tavian Banks in the mid-90s, I was re-enacting Ricky Williams and Earl Campbell leaps over an imaginary defensive line into an end

Let me bring you back to 2003, as I was filling out college applications for my final two options. There was the University of Texas and three generations of glowing burnt-orange footprints on one side — or the Black and Gold, which I'd seen Ron Dayne

## NFL

### NFL head not pleased with Bengals' run-ins

(AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is trying to end the Cincinnati Bengals' continuing problems with the law.

Goodell called Bengal President Mike Brown on Monday to offer his help. Eight Bengals players have been arrested this year — three since the commissioner visited with the team Sept. 20.

"Obviously, when you have incidents that don't reflect well on the National Football League, you have to deal with that aggressively," Goodell said on Tuesday during an interview with the Associated Press. "Our players and coaches are seen at a higher level by the public."

The commissioner asked Brown if

there was anything he could do but also sent the message that the Bengals had to adjust their actions.

It's just what Goodell, who succeeded Paul Tagliabue on Sept. 1, told the players during his visit to Cincinnati nearly three months ago, part of a series of meetings with all 32 teams. His actions backed up the tough talk. Five days after meeting with

Goodell, linebacker Odell Thurman was arrested on a DUI charge. Goodell responded by changing a four-game suspension Thurman already was serving into a yearlong suspension. Wide receiver Chris Henry, who has been arrested four times in the last 13 months, later was suspended for two games by Goodell for ongoing misconduct.

The family dream of the

Longhorns playing the

Hawkeyes in the national

championship is finally coming

to life ... in the Alamo Bowl.

What a kick to the groin.

Both proud universities came into the season beaming with expectations of a BCS run. Instead, losses to Ohio State at home scarred the seasons, followed by vomit-inducing performances

against Indiana, Northwestern,

Texas A&M, and Kansas

State. Luckily, I'm also a

Packer, Brewer, and Buck fan,

so I'm accustomed to losing.

Don't get me wrong, many students are torn between at least two universities — most suburban Chicagoans battle the Illini burden once a year.

But, honestly, as many of us

will agree, Illinois doesn't really

count. You just don't know

what Drew and I are going

through. We've had to transform our entire lifestyles — rather than indulging in mom's Texas toast, we've grown accustomed to Marco's grilled cheese.

So Drew, I know it's tough, but let's do this for the Old Capitol. Reward my laziness with a win. Hook dem horns, and bury them next to the Alamo. Otherwise, if y'all don't, we'll need to bury our heads in the cement under the um-brella, 'cuz we ain't never gonna hear the end of the trash talking. YEHKAH!

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# Gymnast returns



Kara Pinjuv/The Daily Iowan

Kara Pinjuv practices on the balance beam at the Field House Monday.

**PINJUV**

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'Sitting out made me realize how much I do love gymnastics. Having it taken away from me made me appreciate it a lot more.'

— Kara Pinjuv,  
Iowa gymnast

in disguise, noting that Pinjuv now has a stronger mindset.

"I really do think she is better now than when she got here," the coach said. "Even if it's mentally and confidence-wise, her injury has taught her more about herself and who she is as a gymnast."

Pinjuv, now at full strength, is more than ready for the 2007 season

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"Being in the hospital, especially surgery, pushed my interest," she said. "All the technology, it's a pretty neat thing to get into."

Libby said the injury might have been a blessing

# Hawks look for low-post presence

**HOOPS**

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— Kurt Looby,  
Iowa men's basketball

only two seasons — in his life. The 2006-07 campaign marks his fourth. He spent his redshirt year soaking up wisdom from two frontcourt seniors.

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"He's our long athlete," Alford said about the St. John's, Antigua, native after the victory. "He's got to run the floor. He's got to defend the post with his feet, not his hands. He's got to rebound."

As far as upside and promise go, no one beats Looby. He transferred to Iowa from Tyler Community College in Tyler, Texas, after playing basketball for

"It's just a matter of confidence, putting together strings of games where he's rebounding and blocking shots for us."

Freeman might have his mind made up, but coach Steve Alford's feeling on the subject appears less clear. He held Looby, a redshirt junior, out of the starting lineup for the first time Dec. 8, in a 77-59 win over Iowa State.

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"His coaches said he's got a high 4.5, probably about 4.6 40 speed," Kakert said. "His shuttle time's real good, which means he's got good lateral movement, good burst and quickness ... with his size, at 6-4, he can really, I think, project pretty well for Iowa."

Iowa has kept alive its recent pipeline to the Buckeye State with Furlong's move; the program enticed four from Ohio in 2006 and three in 2005.

"I think it's the best setting for me, because I fit in well with the team ... the people were really, really nice, and that's what made my decision to go to Iowa."

— Zach Furlong,  
Iowa football recruit

The senior gave the Hawkeyes the nod over Big Ten rivals Michigan State and Wisconsin. The draw of the school's atmosphere, as a whole, is what ultimately led to Iowa City.

"The people were really, really nice, and that's what made my decision to go to Iowa," he said. "I think it'll be the best team to help me get better as a player and [academically]."

Like most high schoolers, he isn't set on a major.

"I've got a couple things on my mind," Furlong

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# PREGAME STANDINGS

## BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference	W	L	Overall
Oregon State	8	0	12	0
Michigan	7	1	11	1
Wisconsin	7	1	11	1
Penn State	5	3	8	4
Purdue	5	3	8	4
Minnesota	3	5	6	6
Indiana	3	5	6	7
Iowa	2	6	6	6
Northwestern	2	6	4	8
Michigan State	1	7	4	8
Illinois	1	7	2	10

**Big Ten Bowl Schedule**  
**Insight:** Minnesota vs. Texas Tech, Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m., NFL Network  
**Champs Sports:** Purdue vs. Maryland, Dec. 29, 7 p.m., ESPN  
**Alamo:** Iowa vs. Texas, Dec. 30, 3:30 p.m., ESPN  
**Outback:** Penn State vs. Tennessee, Jan. 1, 10 a.m., ESPN  
**Capital One:** Wisconsin vs. Arkansas, Jan. 1, noon, ABC  
**Rose:** Michigan vs. USC, Jan. 1, 4 p.m., ABC  
**BCS:** Ohio State vs. Florida, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., FOX

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- Update from Texas defensive coordinator Duane Akina
- Hawkeyes visit SeaWorld

#### Dec. 29

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- Update from Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker
- Update from Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis
- Alamo Bowl pep rally

#### Dec. 30

- Game preview
- Matchup analysis
- Postgame update immediately following the game

#### Dec. 31

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Texas 24, Iowa 20 — Longhorns have too much talent.

**Iowa's key to the game**

If the backup McCoy starts for the other.

**Best Lone Star return for Hawkeyes?**

Iwebema — Comes back strong after injury.

**Toughest bowl matchup under Ferentz?**

Yes — Texas and Iowa shouldn't be in the Alamo ... for opposite reasons.

**Tate or McCoy?**

Right now? Reluctantly, Tate.

**Better Big Ten finish: football or men's hoops?**

Push — Basketball could struggle to find five conference wins.

**Ohio State or Florida?**

Florida — Gators keep finding ways to win.

**Big Ten's bowl record**

2-5 — Two BCS teams didn't make the matchups any easier.

**DAN PARR**

Texas 28, Iowa 17 — Until August, enjoy the bad taste in mouth.

Pass rush — Often nonexistent in regular season but needs to show up for bowl.

Drew Tate — Leaves the tantrums in Iowa City, finishes career with class.

No — How did the Hawkeyes look against USC in '03?

Tate — Somehow, the more healthy quarterback, at this point.

Men's hoops — Cool question, Brummond. Real cool. You trying to make nice with Alford?

Ohio State — In the end, it didn't matter who played it. By far the best in football.

3-4 — Below-average finish to a below average year.

**IAN SMITH**

Iowa 37, Texas 34

Drew Tate playing under control and taking what Texas gives him.

Tate — Disappointing season shouldn't diminish accomplishments.

Yes — Texas had the talent to compete for national title.

Tate — Just for one game, though.

Football, but it will be fun to watch basketball this year.

Ohio State — Go Big Ten.

Undefeated — I don't see any losses.

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# Hawkeyes hoping for Alamo stand



Iowa's Kenny Iwebema leaps over Ohio State offensive guard Doug Datish while trying catch Buckeye quarterback Troy Smith on Sept. 24, 2005, in Columbus.

BY JASON BRUMMOND  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Whether Iowa can win two weeks from now in its return to San Antonio may hinge on the performance of the handful of players returning to their home state.

Sometimes struggling senior quarterback Drew Tate and defensive end Ken Iwebema, projected to return from a mid-October injury, lead a group of four Texas-born starting Hawkeyes into the Alamo Bowl as Iowa tries to knock off the Texas Longhorns, last year's national champions.

"It is an opportunity for the young men on our roster to come back to their home state, and Drew is probably the most prominent player in that group," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "To have the chance to come back and play in front of family, friends, and former coaches, I think that is really a special

and significant thing."

Iwebema missed Iowa's last five games after undergoing shoulder surgery. The junior from Arlington, Texas, totaled 4½ tackles for losses and three sacks in seven games.

Tate missed two games with injuries during the regular season, while the senior's opposition — talented Texas freshman Colt McCoy — suffered a pinched nerve in each of the Longhorns' last two games. Both gun-slingers rank among the most prolific quarterbacks in Texas prep history.

McCoy finished his career second all-time in Texas high school history with 116 touchdown passes, with Tate close behind, with 113. Tate ranks second in the state's all-time list with 12,180 passing yards. McCoy tallied 9,344 yards.

McCoy was carted off the field in Texas' 12-7 loss to Texas A&M, but he will have 35 recovery days until the

Alamo Bowl, on Dec. 30. Coach Mack Brown said McCoy's status is still unknown, but reports indicate he's progressing well.

"It is entirely too early to rate," he said. "I think they just told us it is a wait-and-see process."

If McCoy doesn't play, Brown will go with senior Matthew McCoy, unrelated to the freshman. Former backup Jevan Sneed announced a transfer last month. Matthew McCoy, a walk-on, has appeared in nine career games for Texas without attempting a pass.

Before the season, Iowa and Texas hoped to be playing in January, but both teams struggled at the end of the year. The Hawkeyes lost five of their last six contests, including three-straight losses. With two games remaining, the Longhorns were still in the national title race before falling to Kansas State and the Aggies.

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Iowa vs.  
Texas

Texas — Pride keeps it close, but too many question areas.

Texas — Tate not good enough in Lone Star return.

Texas — What happened to the team that started 4-0?

Iowa — Homer Simpson says, 'DOH!'

Iowa — We Irish are loyal. Dumb, but loyal.

Iowa — Note to AY: Please show up once.

BCS  
Ohio State  
vs. Florida

Ohio St. — Smith improved more than anyone I've ever seen.

Florida — Preseason national champ pick is one win away.

Ohio St. — Real national championship was against Michigan.

Ohio State — In a word, Tressel.

Florida — Fall of Troy.

Florida — Tim Tebow lives on as great white hope.

Rose Bowl  
Michigan vs.  
USC

Michigan — Could be the best game.

Michigan — Would beat Ohio State on neutral field.

Michigan — You think the Wolverines have enough motivation?

Michigan — The Trojan broke.

Michigan — Fall of Troy, the sequel.

Michigan — Should be in a national championship rematch.

Sugar Bowl  
Notre Dame  
vs. LSU

Notre Dame — Loathe or like Weis for his honest arrogance, he's good.

LSU — Russell out-plays Quinn.

LSU — Bayou Bengals take the fight out of the Irish.

LSU — I'm willing to bet a blowout.

LSU — Talk softly, and carry a Red Stick.

LSU — Lou Holtz picks the Irissssshh in loss.

Orange Bowl  
Louisville vs.  
Wake Forest

Louisville — Could top some bottom-feeding NFL defenses.

Louisville — Inconsistent Wake not ready for big game.

Louisville — One of two BCS games I have no interest in.

Louisville — The BCS is way better than a playoff.

Louisville — Can't see the forest for the Cardinals.

Louisville — I love the Big East.

Fiesta Bowl  
Boise State  
vs. Oklahoma

Oklahoma — No Blue for you!

Oklahoma — In BCS title game if not for those Ducks?

Oklahoma — This is the other one (see above).

Oklahoma — Seriously? I'd rather watch the "The OC."

Oklahoma — Boise will be Boise.

Oklahoma — Peterson tears ACL, still enters draft.

Cap One Bowl  
Arkansas vs.  
Wisconsin

Arkansas — Big Ten not going 3-0 at the top.

Wisconsin — Badgers slow down McFadden.

Arkansas — After tough SEC, Wisconsin looks like cake.

Wisconsin — Should have been in the BCS.

Wisconsin — Badgers dull the Razors' edge, Mom.

Arkansas — Big McFadden added to McDonald's menu.

Gator Bowl  
W. Virginia vs.  
Georgia Tech

W. Virginia — WR Johnson scares me, but not Reggie Ball.

W. Virginia — White, Slaton too much for average ACC.

W. Virginia — Kudos to the team Ian Smith picked for BCS title.

W. Virginia — Pat White puts honey on his Cheerios.

West Virginia — Tech wreck.

Georgia Tech — Calvin Johnson catches 3 TDs in last hurrah.

Cotton Bowl  
Auburn vs.  
Nebraska

Nebraska — Every day, Callahan shows he's not as bad as it appeared.

Auburn — Big Red falls short.

Auburn — Only team to beat Florida takes care of biz.

Nebraska — The (Burger) King makes game-saving tackle.

Auburn — Cats' cradle.

Auburn — Should get some great TV ratings ...

Outback Bowl  
Tennessee  
vs. Penn St.

Tennessee — Who would win: JoePa or Chuck Norris?

Tennessee — Lions still working kinks out of offense.

Tennessee — JoePa's return to sideline is a happy one.

Penn St. — Kerry Collins throws 3 TDs to Kijana Carter.

Tennessee — Glass is all the way Vol.

Penn St. — JoePa wears fake headset to look important.

Chick-fil-A Bowl  
Georgia vs.  
Virginia Tech

Georgia — Hawks, 'Clones weren't the only teams to disappointing.

Va. Tech — A final shout-out to my boy Marcus Vick.

Va. Tech — Hokies take the most inappropriately-titled bowl.

Va. Tech — What time does the "Real World" start?

Va. Tech — Do the Hokie-Pokey, that's what it's all about.

Va. Tech — Can't go against a program that produced the Vicks.

Holiday Bowl  
Cal vs.  
Texas A&M

Texas A&amp;M — Enjoy the eggnog and drive safe (not at same time).

Texas A&amp;M — Aggies steal a close one.

Cal — Phew, this OTL separates the men from the boys.

Texas A&amp;M — Fat back scores three touchdowns.

A&amp;M — Bears not so golden, after all.

Cal — Again, who will be watching these games?

# HOMEWARD BOUND

Texas natives and Hawkeye starters Drew Tate (Baytown), Ken Iwebema (Arlington), Scott Chandler (Southlake), and Charles Godfrey (Baytown) return to play in the Lone Star State for the first time since signing with Iowa.



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Hawkeye quarterback Drew Tate throws downfield against Montana on Sept. 2 in Kinnick Stadium. Tate threw for 223 yards.



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Iowa State's Walter Nickel rushes for 10 yards before being brought down by Hawkeye Charles Godfrey on Sept. 16 in Kinnick Stadium.

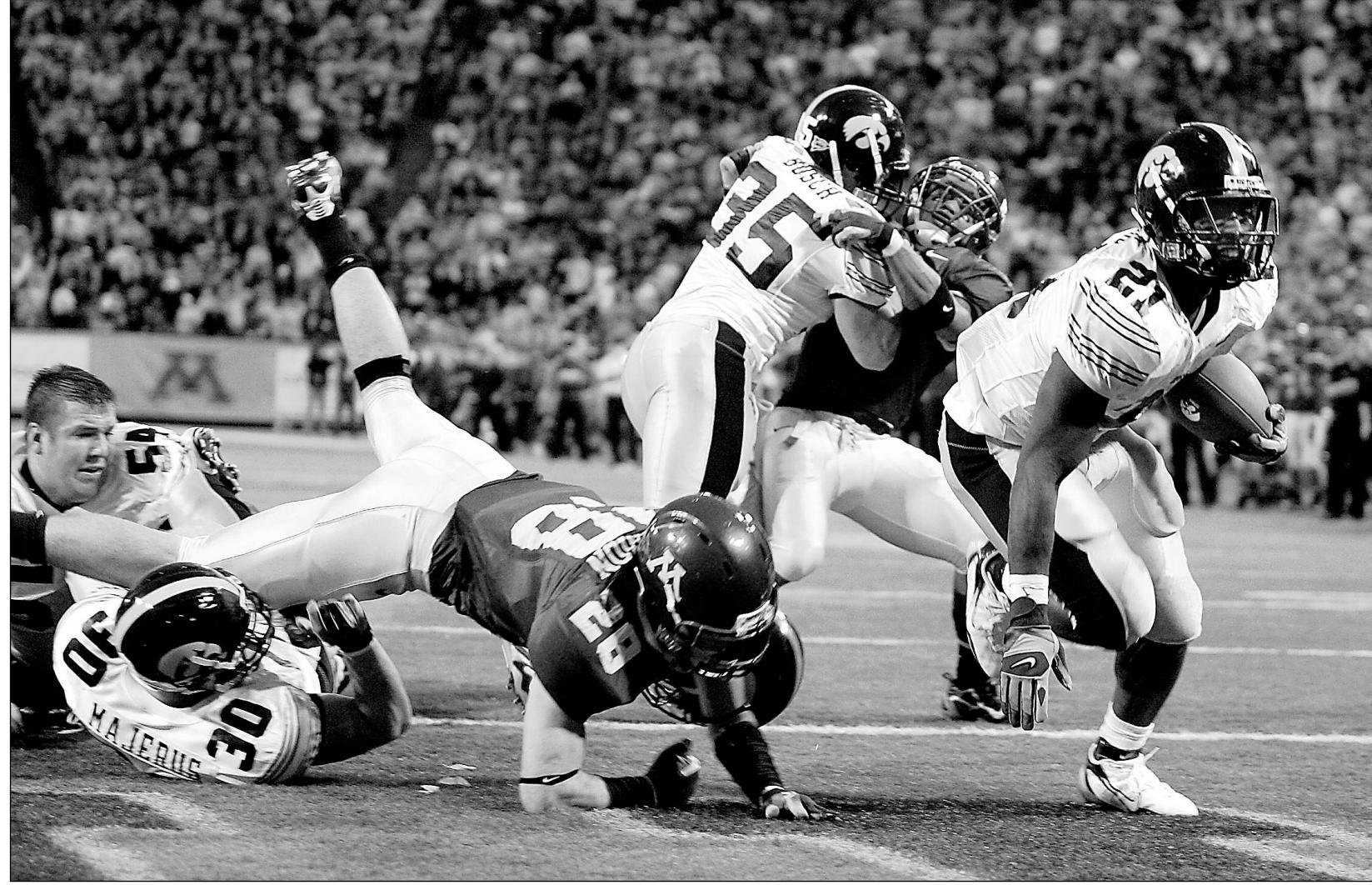


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Iowa tight end Scott Chandler braces for a hit from Indiana's Troy Grosfield on Oct. 15, 2005, in Kinnick Stadium. Chandler caught four passes during the game for 87 yards.

**PREGAME**

# Looking at a Longhorn afternoon



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Hawkeye Albert Young scores a one-yard touchdown run against Minnesota on Nov. 18 in Minneapolis.

**BY IAN SMITH**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

### Iowa Quarterbacks and Receivers vs. Texas Secondary:

Baytown, Texas, native Drew Tate should be healthy for the first time all year when the Hawkeyes return to his home state for the battle with the Longhorns. The senior threw for 16 touchdowns and 2,349 yards but battled inconsistency all season, throwing 12 interceptions. If Tate can summon some of his old bowl-game magic, the Hawkeyes may have a fighting chance in this game.

Dominique Douglas came out of nowhere to lead the Hawkeyes in receptions and yards. The true freshman caught 46 passes and quickly became one of Drew Tate's favorite targets. Tight end Scott Chandler could also play a big role for the Hawkeyes against Texas. The 6-7, 250-pound senior possesses good speed and should help Tate exploit the middle of the Texas defense.

The Longhorn secondary didn't fare

very well against Big 12 offenses this year. Texas gave up 233.1 yards per game through the air, good enough for 10th in the Big 12. If Tate can find time to throw the ball, Iowa might have a chance to big up some yards.

### Push Iowa Running Backs vs. Texas Defensive Line/Linebackers:

The duo of Albert Young and Damian Sims put up disappointing numbers this season, especially after Young ran for more than 1,300 yards last season. The Hawkeyes hope Young — who ran for 715 yards — is fully recovered from the injuries that forced him to miss two games. Sims should spell Young throughout the game, keeping the junior fresh.

While the Texas defense struggled making the big play throughout the season, they gave up 202 yards a game through the air, and quarterbacks completed 56 percent of their passes. Charles Godfrey or Adam Shada will have been matched up with Sweeny, and they can't allow him to break off a huge gain. If Iowa is able to contain the talented Longhorn passing attack, it

### Texas Quarterbacks and Receivers vs. Iowa Secondary:

Unfortunately for Iowa, Texas signal caller Colt McCoy will also be healthy after being forced out of the game against Texas A&M with a gimp shoulder. The redshirt freshman did a tremendous job filling in for mega-star Vince Young, throwing for 27 touchdowns and 2,262 yards. A shaky Iowa secondary will have its hands full.

The Longhorns feature one of the most talented receivers in the country in Limas Sweeny. The 6-5, 219-pound Sweeny immediately presents matchup problems for the Iowa secondary. The junior scored 11 touchdowns this year, and it wouldn't be surprising if he got a couple more against the Hawkeyes.

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should be considered a moral victory.

### ADVANTAGE: Texas Texas Running Backs vs. Iowa Defensive Line/Linebackers

Texas counters Iowa's rushing duo with a tag-team of its own. Jamaal Charles and Selvin Young ran for 805 and 580 yards respectively. They should have success against a Hawkeye defense that has been carved up by talented backs all season.

The Iowa defensive line and linebackers struggled against the run, giving up an average of 138.9 yard per game on the ground this year. Linebackers Mike Klinkenborg and Ed Miles need to play their best game of the year to keep the Texas backs from moving the chains. Iowa is a much better defense when it can shut down one facet of the opponent's offense.

### ADVANTAGE: Texas

**Verdict:** Texas should be too much for an overmatched Iowa squad. The Hawkeyes must get a big game out of Young to keep the Texas offense off the field. If they can't, the Longhorns might play away in front of a largely pro-Texas crowd.

**Iowa 21, Texas 31**

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## Ohio State vs. Florida

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Feeding off his Heisman Trophy win, Ohio State (12-0) quarterback Troy Smith will have to stay composed just once more for the Buckeyes. Smith rose to the occasion in last year's Fiesta bowl win over Notre Dame, and he will again against Florida (12-1), which is much better defending the run than the pass. The Gators' wide-open passing attack will be something new for Ohio State — it hasn't faced an offense like that all season. But the Buckeyes are not short on team speed. In the season finale, Smith and Florida's Chris Leak will battle to one-up the other — should be fun to watch.

**PREDICTION: Ohio State 24, Florida 20**

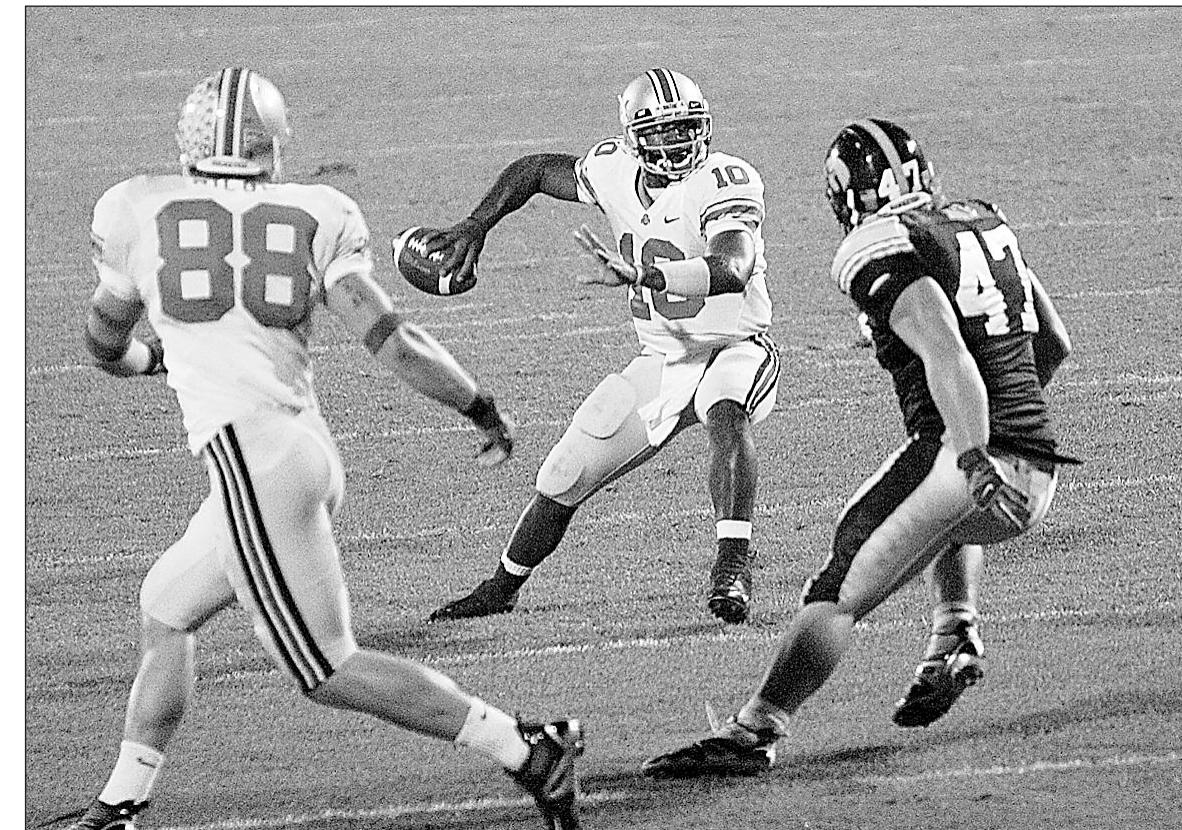
## Michigan vs. USC

**Rose Bowl, Jan. 1, 4 p.m., ABC**

If Michigan (11-1) can turn the disappointment of getting left out of the BCS bowl into determination to win this game, USC (10-2) is in for a long afternoon in Pasadena. Michigan has weapons of offense, none more impressive than running back Mike Hart, but its defense will be the key to a win. The Wolverines stifled the opposition all season long, and they

# BIG TEN WEEKEND PLANNER

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Ohio State QB Troy Smith gets set to pass on Sept. 30 in Kinnick Stadium.

were eighth in total defense, giving up just 14.6 points per game. Defensive end/outside linebacker LaMarr Woodley will give Trojan quarterback John David Booty fits, and he will be forced to throw often without success.

**PREDICTION: Michigan 28, USC 21**

## Wisconsin vs. Arkansas

**Capital One Bowl, Jan. 1, 12 p.m., ABC**

If you didn't get a chance to see Darren McFadden during the regular season, you will see plenty of him early on New Year's Day. The 19-year-old sophomore ran for 1,558 yards, averaged almost six yards per carry, and jetted to 14 rushing touchdowns this year. Arkansas (10-3) will need a continuation of that success if it is going to knock off Wisconsin (11-1), which plays a similar style to the Razorbacks' blend of a strong ground attack and a sturdy defense. For the Badgers, freshman running back P.J. Hill, a converted linebacker, is the primary focus on offense. He carried the ball 30 more



Rachel Mumney/The Daily Iowan  
Michigan quarterback Chad Henne struggles to get rid of the ball before Matt Kroul sacks him on Oct. 21 in Ann Arbor.

times than McFadden and finished with 1,553 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns.

**PREDICTION: Arkansas 34, Wisconsin 28**

## Penn State vs. Tennessee

**Outback Bowl, Jan. 1, 10 a.m., ESPN**

Tennessee (9-3) and Penn State (8-4) enter Tampa Bay with a stark contrast in styles on offense. The Nittany Lions prefer to keep the ball on the ground and in the hands of running back Tony Hunt, the No. 14 rusher in the country. The Volunteers' choice is an aerial attack led by quarterback Erik Ainge. Tennessee is ranked 15th in the nation in passing average and 94th in rushing. Ainge's arm will outdo Hunt's legs and should be enough to overpower Penn State.

**PREDICTION: Tennessee 31, Penn State 21**



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Marcus Paschal and Charles Godfrey take down P.J. Hill during the third quarter of Iowa's last home game of the season, against Wisconsin on Nov. 11.

## Iowa vs. Texas

**Alamo Bowl, Dec. 30, 4:30 p.m., ESPN**

A pair of teams that had disappointing finishes in the regular season are looking to go out on a high note in San Antonio. Texas (9-3) should be heavily favored to win, based on its talent level alone in comparison to Iowa (6-6). Longhorn freshman quarterback Colt McCoy is battling a pinched nerve in his neck, and his status for the game is up in the air at this point. The Hawkeyes will have to find the pass rush that eluded them all season and limit the careless turnovers if they want to have a chance.

**PREDICTION: Texas 27, Iowa 17**

## Purdue vs. Maryland

**Champs Sports Bowl, Dec. 29, 7 p.m., ESPN**

It's hard to see Purdue (8-5) ending the year with a win over Maryland (8-4) — the Boilermakers have yet to beat a team with a winning record. Their only hope is that Maryland continues to struggle on offense. Though Purdue's 27th-ranked offense declined a bit as the year progressed, Maryland failed to score more than 16 in three of its final four games. If the Terrapin defense can force sophomore quarterback Curtis Painter to add to his 18 interceptions this season, a Maryland win is almost guaranteed.

**PREDICTION: Maryland 35, Purdue 27**

## Minnesota vs. Texas Tech

**Insight Bowl, Dec. 29, 7 p.m., NFL Network**

Fans will witness a balanced offensive attack against a lopsided one in Tempe, Ariz. Minnesota (6-6) enters with the 45th-best ground and 49th-ranked passing game in the nation. Texas Tech will bring the No. 3 aerial attack and a run offense that stands 112th out of 119 teams in Division I. This will be a shoot-out from the opening gun to the final buzzer; both defenses will have trouble getting stops. A real tough pick, but if the Gophers can eat up clock with their running game, they could sneak out with a win.

**PREDICTION: Minnesota 42, Texas Tech 38**

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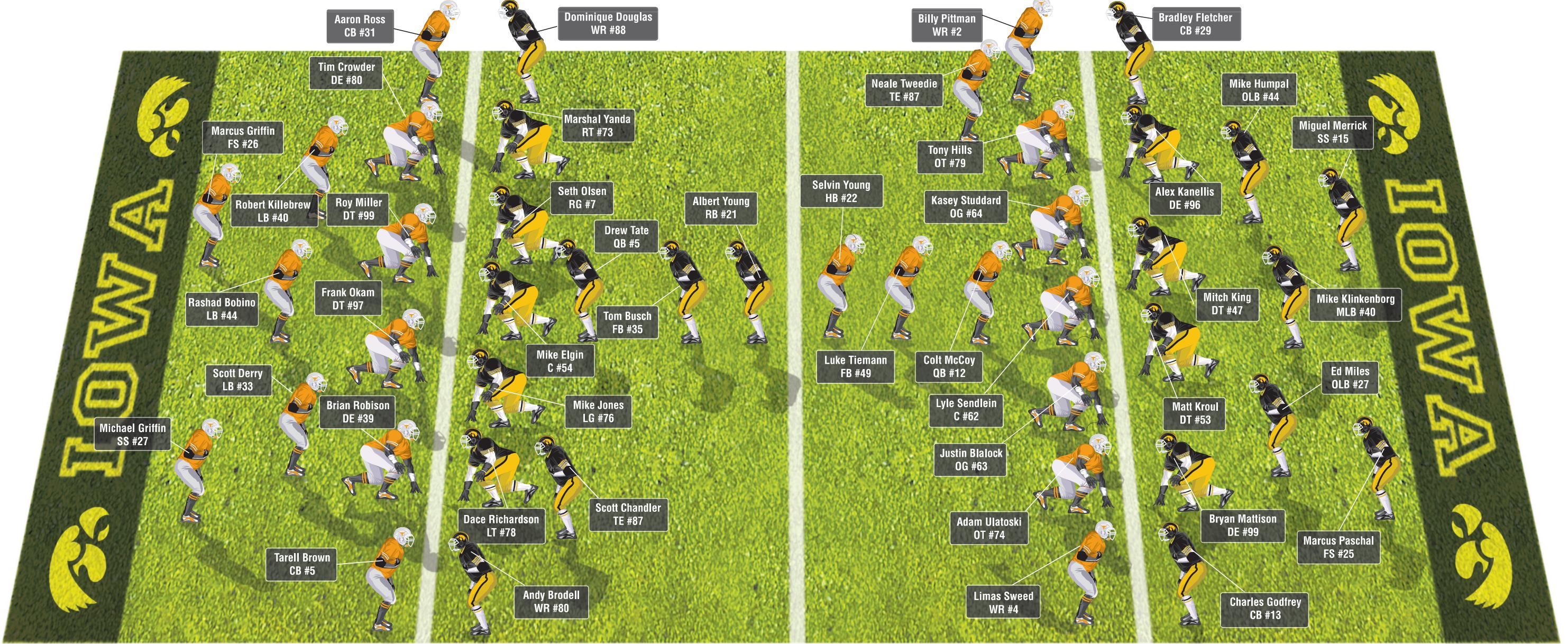
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*Wishing the team, fans, students & alumni safe travel over the holiday season*

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1	Kyle Schlicher	PK	Sr.	5-9	184	Ankeny, Iowa
2	Harold Dalton	DB	So.	6-1	192	Camden, N.J.
4	Herb Grigsby	WR	Jr.	6-0	175	Mayflower, Ark.
5	Drew Tate	QB	Sr.	6-0	192	Baytown, Texas
5	Ryan Donahue	P/PK	Fr.	6-3	180	Evergreen Park, Ill.
6	Andy Fenstermaker	P	Sr.	6-3	255	Mt. Pleasant
6	Jake Christensen	QB	#Fr.	6-1	205	Lockport, Ill.
8	Arvell Nelson	QB	Fr.	6-4	175	Cleveland
9	Khalil Price	DB	Sr.	6-2	198	Sicklerville, N.J.
9	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	WR	Fr.	6-1	205	Campbell, Ohio
10	Justin Edwards	DB	#Fr.	6-1	165	Garland, Texas
11	Marcus Wilson	DB	#Fr.	6-3	198	Pennsauken, N.J.
11	Adam Farnsworth	QB	So.	6-4	207	North Ogden, Utah
12	Richard Stanzi	QB	Fr.	6-4	200	Mentor, Ohio
12	Austin Signor	PK	#Fr.	6-4	230	Urbandale
13	Charles Godfrey	CB	Jr.	6-1	208	Baytown, Texas
14	Devan Moylan	DB	Sr.	5-10	201	Panora, Iowa
15	Miguel Merrick	SS	Sr.	6-0	203	Union City, N.J.
16	Jason Manson	QB	Sr.	6-1	195	Bloomfield, Conn.
16	Drew Gardner	DB	Jr.	5-10	178	Cherry Hill, N.J.
18	Harrison Wheeler	DB	#Fr.	6-0	200	Milwaukee, Wis.
18	Lance Tillison	DB	Fr.	6-1	205	Seffner, Fla.
19	Adam Shada	CB	Jr.	6-1	185	Omaha, Neb.
21	Albert Young	RB	Jr.	5-10	209	Morestown, N.J.
22	Calvin Davis	WR	Sr.	6-1	197	Iowa City
23	Shonn Greene	RB	So.	5-11	225	Sicklerville, N.J.
25	Marcus Paschal	FS	Fr.	6-0	207	Largo, Fla.
26	Paul Chaney, Jr.	WR	Fr.	5-9	160	St. Louis
26	Tyler Gerstandt	WR	#Fr.	6-6	220	Cherokee, Iowa
27	Edmond Miles	LB	Sr.	6-1	228	Tallahassee, Fla.
28	Damian Sims	RB	Jr.	5-9	185	Boynton Beach, Fla.
29	Bradley Fletcher	DB	Sr.	6-2	195	Youngstown, Ohio
29	Eddie Williams	FB	So.	5-11	230	Rock Island, Ill.
30	Ryan Majerus	TE	Sr.	6-3	245	Oelwein, Iowa
31	Dana Brown	RB	#Fr.	5-10	203	Clairton, Pa.
31	Griffin Karr	PK	So.	5-10	185	Delray Beach, Fla.
32	Derrick Smith	DB	Fr.	6-0	195	Cleveland
33	Jeff Tarpinian	DB	Fr.	6-3	205	Omaha, Neb.
34	Chris Rowell	DB	#Fr.	6-1	187	Warrensville Hts., Ohio
34	Jordan Den Hartog	LB	#Fr.	6-2	220	Rapid City, S.D.

**TEXAS LONGHORNS**

1	Tyrell Gatewood	S	Jr.	6-2	210	Tyler, Texas
1	Philip Payne	WR	Fr.	6-2	205	Garland, Texas
2	Sergio Kindle	LB	Fr.	6-4	225	Dallas
2	Billy Pittman	WR	Jr.	6-0	198	Cameron, Texas
3	Chris Osbonnava	RB	So.	6-1	220	Missouri City, Texas
4	Drew Kelson	LB	Jr.	6-2	215	Houston
4	Limas Sweed	WR	Jr.	6-5	219	Brenham, Texas
5	Tarell Brown	CB	Sr.	6-0	200	Mesquite, Texas
5	Vondrell McGee	RB	Fr.	5-10	180	Longview, Texas
6	Quan Cosby	WR	So.	5-11	200	Marl, Texas
7	Deon Beasley	WR	Fr.	5-10	168	Orange, Texas
8	Chikvile Brown	DB	Fr.	6-1	180	Houston
8	Jordan Shipley	WR	So.	6-0	184	Burnet, Texas
9	Nate Jones	WR	Jr.	6-2	195	Texarkana, Texas
11	Jared Norton	LB	Fr.	6-7	260	Southlake, Texas
12	Robert Joseph	DB	Fr.	6-2	195	Port Arthur, Texas
12	Colt McCoy	QB	#Fr.	6-3	195	Tuscola, Texas
13	Matthew McCoy	QB	Sr.	6-3	195	Dallas
14	Sam Arias	RB	Sr.	5-7	201	Los Banos, Calif.
14	Freddy Torres	QB	So.	6-1	190	Pecos, Texas
15	Hunter Lawrence	PK	Fr.	6-0	180	Boerne, Texas
15	Trevor Walker	QB	Fr.	6-2	195	Mt. Pleasant, Texas
16	Jermichael Finley	TE	#Fr.	6-5	220	Diboll, Texas
16	Gilbert Zepeda	QB	Jr.	6-0	186	Pharr, Texas
17	Trevor Gerland	P/K	Fr.	6-2	190	Katy, Texas
17	Sherrod Harris	QB	Fr.	6-3	212	Arlington, Texas
18	Josh Marshall	WR	Fr.	6-4	205	Arlington, Texas
18	Matt Melton	S	Sr.	6-0	210	Flint, Texas
19	Benjamin Campos	PK	Sr.	5-10	192	New Braunfels, Texas
19	Ishii Oduegwu	S	#Fr.	5-10	195	Denton, Texas
21	Michael Flath	S	Jr.	5-9	180	Arcadia, Calif.
21	Eric Jackson	DB	Jr.	6-2	185	Cedar Hill, Texas
22	Adair Fragoso	QB	Sr.	6-1	215	El Paso, Texas
22	Selvin Young	RB	Sr.	6-0	215	Houston
23	Jaime Carvajal	RB	Jr.	5-4	147	Taft, Texas
23	Myron Hardy	WR	So.	6-2	210	Austin, Texas
24	Antwan Cobb	RB	Fr.	6-0	205	Plano, Texas
24	Ryan Moench	DB	So.	6-0	185	Austin, Texas
25	Jamal Charles	RB	So.	6-1	190	Port Arthur, Texas
25	Mark McCoy	WR	Sr.	6-2	188	Dallas
58	William Harvey	LS	So.	5-11	212	Houston
59	Chad Kugler	LB	So.	6-2	220	Richardson, Texas
61	Jalics Solis	DT	Sr.	6-4	250	San Angelo, Texas
62	Lyle Sendlein	C	Sr.	6-5	305	Scottsdale, Ariz.
63	Justin Blalock	OL	Sr.	6-4	329	Plano, Texas
64	Kasey Studdard	OL	Sr.	6-3	305	Lone Tree, Co.
65	Buck Burnette	OL	Fr.	6-3	295	Wimberly, Texas
66	Brett Valdez	OL	Sr.	6-4	305	Brownwood, Texas
67	Chris Weiland	DB	So.	5-9	170	Cedar Park, Texas
70	Drew Oldis	OL	Fr.	6-4	280	Boerne, Texas
70	Greg Dolan	OL	So.	6-7	290	Austin, Texas
71	Chris Hall	OL	#Fr.	6-4	280	Irving, Texas
72	Britt Mitchell	TE	Fr.	6-5	250	Kilgore, Texas
73	J'Marcus Webb	OL	Fr.	6-2	280	Mesquite, Texas
74	Adam Ulatoski	OL	#Fr.	6-8	200	Southlake, Texas
75	Steve Moore	OL	Fr.	6-5	275	Houston
76	Lawrence Howard	DB	Fr.	5-10	168	Hitchcock, Texas
77	Henry Melton	RB	So.	6-3	270	Grapevine, Texas
78	Tim Crowder	DE	Sr.	6-4	270	Hallsville, Texas
80	Daniel Orr	WR	So.	6-0	180	Austin, Texas
80	Robert Killebrew	FB	Jr.	6-3	230	Splendora, Texas
82	Coy Aune	WR	Jr.	6-2	195	Austin, Texas
82	Montre Webber	WR	Fr.	6-3	190	Heame, Texas
83	Greg Smith	TE	Fr.	6-4	238	Montgomery, Texas
84	George Walker	WR	So.	6-3	205	Houston
86	Peter Ullman	TE	Fr.	6-4	252	Austin, Texas
87	Neale Tweedie	TE	Sr.	6-5	265	Lubbock, Texas
88	Mac McWhorter	TE	#Fr.	6-4	226	Austin, Texas
89	Matt Harte	TE	Fr.	6-4	225	Isle of Palms, S.C.
91	Tully Janszen	DT	Sr.	6-3	280	Keller, Texas
92	Ben Alexander	DT	Fr.	6-0	298	Anderson, S.C.
94	Thomas Marshall	DT	Jr.	6-6	293	Dallas
95	Aaron Lewis	DE	So.	6-4	275	Albuquerque, N.M.
96	Derek Lokey	DT	Jr.	6-2	275	Denton, Texas
97	Greg Johnson	P/K	Sr.	6-1	195	Liburn, Ga.
97	Frank Okam					