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Ann Axelson cares for 10-year-old Sandy during the Holiday with the Hounds open house at the Iowa City Animal Shelter on Dec. 5. Mary Mathew Wilson, a program associate for the UI Career Center, said she has definitely noticed a spike in UI students volunteering over the years.

'Tis the season to give back

Students and community members volunteer during the holiday season.

By MITCHELL SCHMIDT
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Among barking and laughter, UI junior Katie Murph walked along the kennels in the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center.

With families roaming around the center to find their potential new pet at the sixth-annual Holiday With the Hounds event, she spent the afternoon answering questions about the nine dogs the shelter had available for adoption.

In the next week, four of the furry friends had found new homes.

"Without volunteers, events such as this wouldn't be able to happen," she said after helping a group of excited kids attending the event, which asks community members to donate such items as toys, treats, and cleaning supplies.

Students such as Murph contribute a significant part of Iowa City's volunteer hours. And while finals often have them occupied during some of the holiday season, many said there is a continuing growth among student volunteers.

Mary Mathew Wilson, a program associate for the UI Career Center, said she has definitely noticed a spike over the years, though she didn't have available data on how many UI students volunteer their time.

She said she is always looking for those interested in giving back to the community and regularly meets with students to talk about available opportunities.

"It's pretty amazing how generous people are," she added.

Many UI student groups focus on service, including Dance Marathon, which encourages members to volunteer at the UI Hospitals and Clinics or at events for families.

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Eighth-grade students from Northwest Junior High fill bags with masa harina flour during a Project Holiday event at the old Cub Foods building on Highway 6 on Dec. 11. Nearly half of all Iowa City's adult residents volunteer, more than the national average, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The UI's 10,000 Hours Show helps students find volunteering opportunities around the holidays. UI students must volunteer 10 hours to receive tickets to an annual concert.

In April, participants racked up 19,394 hours in one year — up from 15,289 from the year before.

"Iowa City is very community-oriented," said Kristin Fuhs, the executive director of 10,000 Hours.

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Saving jobs by cutting back

The UI has reduced its employee count by roughly 400 over the past year.

By JOHN DOETKOTT
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Nearly 10 months after the approval of the federal stimulus package, future ex-employees are proving to be the UI's biggest beneficiaries.

The UI spent around $33.4 million of its total $35.5 million in stimulus funding to pay the salaries and benefits packages of employees leaving the university by June 30, 2010, a copyrighted *Des Moines Register* article reported. The majority are going through the UI's new early retirement incentive program.

Stimulus funds are meant to go to creating and saving jobs. While it may seem paying former employees isn't meeting that standard, UI officials maintain the spending will ultimately protect jobs and save the university money.

Officials estimate saving the university around $14 million annually over the five-year life of the early retirement program,

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Curfew coming soon

The rules will go into effect next week for Iowa City youth.

By NICOLE KARLIS
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Iowa City youngsters will soon have to abide by a curfew — one not ordered by their parents.

The Iowa City City Council passed its final consideration of the citywide juvenile curfew on Monday evening with a 4-3 vote.

The curfew will go into effect on Dec. 23, said City Clerk Marian Karr.

Bailey
mayor

Councilors voted with little discussion on the issue.

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said she thinks the councilors have already voiced their main concerns with the ordinance.

Residents first introduced the curfew to city councilors earlier this year, asking them to consider it as a solution to curb violence after a summer filled with juvenile crime.

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Despite some hassles, regents use electronic meetings

The regent telephone meetings save money.

By EMILY BUSSE
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Some state Board of Regents members say the increased use of telephonic meetings is causing some problems and isn't conducive to major decision-making.

Near the end of last week's telephonic meeting, after almost an hour of discussing tuition surcharges, budgets, and bonds, Regent Michael Gartner had one more suggestion.

"I'd like to add one article to the list," he said. "To have somebody improve the telecommunication for these kinds of meetings."

His suggestion came after a telephone conference call meeting filled with sounds of typing, voices fading out, and static. Regent President David Miles was forced several times to interrupt the meeting to remind people to mute their phones.

In addition to causing inconveniences, the meeting's telephonic setup was also the reason regents cited for postponing votes on the Hancher relocation and a tuition increase for next year were delayed until the Feb. 4 in-person meeting.

"The biggest disadvantage is that it is very difficult to go through matters that are of major consequence," said Regent Bob Downer, who said he strongly encouraged the vote delay.

Since 2000, the board's website lists 28 meetings as being telephonic or electronic.

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Spotlight Iowa City

Moving to the next stage

UI theater student Sarah Helt hopes to conquer stages beyond Iowa City.

By DEE FABBRICATORE
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UI student Sarah Helt stands in the Theatre Building on Monday. The graduating senior has been heavily involved in stage productions in Iowa City, with her most recent being *Yellow City*.

In a year or so, Sarah Helt could see herself getting yoga certification in India.

That said, she also envisions herself in the Columbia University theater department, studying under her hero, Anne Bogart. No matter where she is, one thing's certain: she'll be moving.

The theater major, who will graduate this month, plans to relocate out of Iowa City next August and launch herself into new highly physical experiences.

"I work so physically that I automatically have to be on my feet," she said. "I'm constantly engaging my body to get the words into my head."

The 23-year-old has been involved in big UI Main Stage productions and smaller projects, such as the weeklong New Play Festival every spring. Among these roles, Helt said her favorites have been Olga in last year's *Three Sisters* and her more recent part as Rat in Jen Silverman's *Yellow City*.

Now in the process of applying to graduate programs at such schools as Columbia and Yale, she said her top-notch dream schools seem like a pipe dream, but after plenty of positive feedback from the UI theater community, she might just have a shot.

One of her many fans is playwright Jen Silverman, who said she learned from Helt's experimental performance choices when working on *Yellow City*.

"She has great control over her physicality, and she found a movement vocabulary that really helped define her character," Silverman said.

Helt has come a long way from her beginnings as an "obnoxious little performer kid" in Des Moines, where she attended the Edmunds Fine Arts Academy. Beginning her first two undergraduate years at Long Island University in Brooklyn, N.Y., Helt transferred to the UI theater program when the then newly independent 18-year-old realized living in the city was too financially taxing, a decision she said was among the smartest she's ever made.

"I gave up a long time ago thinking that I was going to be rich and famous," she said. "Making it big for me would just be to know that I'm consistent enough that I'm always in shows and always traveling."

Another one of Helt's admirers is and fellow theater student and roommate Molly Schintler.

"If you're a respectable actor like Sarah, I don't think it's about making it big," Schintler said. "It's having a career with longevity and doing something where you're allowed to create your art. It's not having a big part in 'Law and Order' or being an extra in LA."

Each time Helt is cast, she lets the new character crawl under her skin as she researches tirelessly and develops nervous ticks, like perching instead of sitting on couches for the role of Rat.

"My script becomes a giant scrapbook of music lyrics telling me how I should feel in one scene, and then a yoga routine to get into the physicality of another scene," she said.

For her most recent role as a character in a postapocalyptic society, Helt abstained from showering for a week before the show, watched countless YouTube videos of crawling rats, and mastered her prop work.

"I came home one day, and she was flipping knives, and I promptly told her to do that in the other room, lest she cut me," Schintler joked.

As expected, her final days as a UI theater department student is bittersweet.

"I was talking to one of my fellow actors recently," she said. "And we were like, 'Why the hell do we do this? I created something beautiful with you, and now it's like, 'Bye.' It's funny, it's a very transient lifestyle and though that doesn't always appeal to me, it's all I want to do."

Sarah Helt

- **Age:** 23
- **Favorite book:** *Anna Karenina*, by Leo Tolstoy
- **Pet peeve:** When people don't use turn signals
- **No. 1 place she wants to visit:** India
- **Thing she'll miss most about Iowa City:** Going any place downtown and feeling like a regular
- **Perfect date:** "Take me to do anything that's not watching a movie. Be creative."

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Alcohol group meets – in private

Committee members will discuss Monday's meeting at a later date.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS
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The Partnership for Alcohol Safety met Monday in a closed session, though it wasn't immediately clear why.

The group — a collaborative initiative between the city and university — was created in an attempt to combat Iowa City's binge-drinking issues.

The committee doesn't fall under the state's open-meetings law as outlined in the Iowa Code. It makes no binding decisions, nor was it created by a state order, both of which would require the group to open its meetings to the public and media.

What wasn't clear Monday evening was why officials chose meet in closed session or who made that decision. Several members said they didn't know the meeting was closed and didn't recall the group discussing the issue at previous sessions.

The committee welcomed the public at its summit in March, its first meeting.

Committee members cited both advantages and disadvantages of closed meetings.

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said, in her experience, closed meetings can be more productive.

Jeff Shipley, the UI Student Government liaison to the Iowa City City Council, speculated that closed meetings allowed people to be more open and honest.

But he didn't see any explicit benefit in excluding people, he said, particularly on an issue that concerns students as much as drinking issues do.

Peter Nathan, a UI professor emeritus of community and behavioral health who serves on the committee, said the group is dealing with difficult issues that affect the whole community.

"I think it's better when there is the maximum amount of community participation," he said. "I'm surprised to hear it was closed."

Other officials could not be reached for comment Monday evening.

The Partnership for Alcohol Safety, which meets quarterly, is made up of a Steering Committee and six subcommittees. It consists of UI and Iowa City officials, as well as local business owners.

At their first meeting in March, officials identified key priorities and brainstormed suggestions on how to curb binge drinking. Ideas included building a movie theater or a bowling alley downtown, adding a committee of students to plan more nonalcoholic events, and altering junior-high curricula to educate students about alcohol abuse earlier.

Since then, the City Council has passed a number of ordinances in an attempt to alter Iowa City's drinking culture, such as more stringent regulations on bars applying to renew their liquor-licenses and limits on where new bars can open. Since July, councilors have denied the renewal of three bars' liquor licenses.

Committee members said they will release details of discussions during Monday's meeting at a later, unspecified date.

Officials said they weren't sure Monday whether the group's next meeting, in three months, will also be closed to the public.

Partnership for Alcohol Safety subcommittees

- Diversifying downtown business
- Breaking the "first-year cycle"
- Addressing access to alcohol
- Developing permanent alternative activities for students downtown and on campus
- Data collection, statistics, monitoring
- Communications

Source: Partnership for Alcohol Safety

METRO

Panel criticizes school-boundary proposals

Iowa City School District boundary-change committee members critiqued possible redistricting solutions that consultants presented at a committee meeting on Monday.

Consultants suggested building a facility for high-school freshmen only, saying this option would help balance the number of students receiving free and reduced lunches between the two high schools.

But the majority of committee members agreed the potential plan would not meet criteria that School Board members set for the committee to consider while forming recommendations for redistricting solutions.

Consultants also suggested redirecting Lincoln Elementary students to eventually attend City High rather than West High and moving some freshmen at West High to Northwest Junior High.

Most committee members agreed they needed more information about redirecting Lincoln students, and moving freshmen would not meet School Board members' criteria.

Consultant Mark Porter said the redistricting scenarios are works in progress.

"All the things we present tonight we're going to redo," he said, and the committee input will likely have a great effect on the changes the consultants make to the scenarios.

– by Holly Hines

Woman gets 6 months in prison

A federal judge sentenced an Iowa City woman to six months in prison after she pleaded guilty to stealing Social Security benefits.

Gloria Hardiman, 59, received $94,780 in improper benefits.

Hardiman applied for Social Security benefits from May 1994 through November 2008 but didn't disclose she was married, which would have affected her eligibility, according to a U.S. Department of Justice press release.

An investigation by the Social Security Administration revealed that Hardiman and her husband declared bankruptcy together in 2001 and had property together in the Chicago and Iowa City area.

Hardiman received housing benefits through the Iowa City Housing Authority and Department of Housing and Urban Development without reporting her husband was living with her. She must pay $86,878 to the Social Security Administration and $17,817 to the Iowa City Housing Authority.

– by Regina Zilbermints

POLICE BLOTTER

Khiell Dukes, 35, 405 N. Davis St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with third-degree theft.

Aaron Mitchell, 32, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2202, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Brian Shepherd, 28, 412 N. Clinton St. Apt. 1, was charged Nov. 28 with public intoxication.

Alejandro Solis, 20, 1205 Laura Drive Apt. 153, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

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METRO

Kehoe sentencing today

The Coralville woman convicted of killing one of her sons and attempting to kill the other will be sentenced today.

Michelle Kehoe, 36, was convicted of first-degree murder, attempted murder, and child endangerment causing injury on Nov. 17. Her sentencing will be at the Buchanan County Courthouse at 1:30 p.m.

Kehoe faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

Public defender Andrea Dryer had argued at trial that Kehoe lacked the mental capacity to tell right from wrong. But the jury found Kehoe knew her actions were wrong when she drove her children to a remote spot near Littleton, Iowa, in October 2008.

Kehoe bound both boys with duct tape before cutting their necks. Sean, 7, survived; 2-year-old Seth didn't. Kehoe then slashed her own neck before stumbling to a nearby home to ask for help.

– by Regina Zilbermints

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bringing in a total of $70 million.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said using stimulus funds for the retirement program helps the university avoid cutting other jobs.

"Every position we are able to get rid of through attrition means we are able to save another job," he said. "By downsizing the workforce, we are able to avoid layoffs."

Officials only approved individuals whose participation in the early retirement program would lead to a direct savings for the university, said Richard Saunders, a senior associate director of UI Human Resources. Department heads made the initial approvals based on an individual's value to the department and whether that person would need to be replaced on staff, he said.

Saunders said such "local decisions" were critical to the process and lauded the program allowing department heads to control and manage savings opportunities in their units.

Around 350 people are approved to take part in the program, but the number is not final, because employees can still decide not to leave, Saunders said.

The UI has downsized its total workforce by approximately 400 employees over the last year, Moore said, and the university recently laid off 11 staff members from the College of Pharmacy despite attempts to avoid layoffs completely.

While officials call the early retirement program a success, some students are still not sold on the way in which the funds were distributed.

UI senior Chelsea Grubbs said that while using the money for salaries is perhaps beneficial, she would have liked to have seen the money go to more visible projects.

"I think that they should have been used to improve the campus and develop more projects for students," she said, suggesting creating more laboratory facilities and programs to give students the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom.

Moore said officials considered using funds for infrastructure projects but decided they had more pressing personnel needs.

Your turn. Do you agree with the UI's decision to use stimulus funds to fund its early retirement program? Weigh in at **dailyiowan.com**.

Stimulus money

The UI's stimulus funds by the numbers:

- Total stimulus funds the UI received: $35.5 million
- Amount spent on salaries and benefits of employees leaving the university: $33.3 million
- Remaining funds committed to other campus projects: $2.2 million
- Estimated savings of the early retirement program over five years: $70 million

Source: Tom Moore, UI spokesman; Richard Saunders, senior associate director of UI Human Resources

REGENTS

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Despite inconveniences, members cited several reasons they continue to push through technical difficulties.

By cutting out travel expenses, the regents estimate that telephonic meetings save them 25 percent of their budget annually.

"While it's not a big percentage of the regent budget, it's an expense, and we obviously don't need any more expenses, especially now," Downer said.

In addition to cost, the convenience of not having to travel to one location allows telephonic meetings to be scheduled with less notice and fit into regents' schedules easier, Downer said.

But telephonic meetings do take a toll on important decision-making, members said.

Regent Greta Johnson said not being in the same room makes discussion much more difficult.

"It's hard to read people," she said. "Body language says a lot sometimes."

At in-person meetings, she said the regents indicate they want to speak by making eye contact with Miles, an aspect they lose over the phone.

UI communication-studies Professor Steve Duck said telephonic conferences make it difficult for the leader to manage who will talk when. He teaches a course that covers the topic of telephone conferences.

"There is a much greater risk that the technology will create overlap in speakers' attempts to make their points," Duck wrote in an e-mail. "A good [leader] will probably allow members to speak only once on a particular point."

But the technology poses the biggest problem, he said.

"It should not be assumed that the electronic equipment will function properly all the way through the meeting, nor should it be assumed that everyone will understand exactly how to use it," he said.

Miles said people shouldn't place all of the blame for the inconveniences solely on the technology.

"It is challenging," he said. "There are a lot of variables that are outside the control of the technology. It does a great job, but we all bring our own variables as well."

VOLUNTEER

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Volunteering statistics agree.

Iowa City ranked second in the nation among 75 midsize cities for service rates, with roughly 49 percent of residents volunteering, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

And around the holiday season, locals see more chances to volunteer with programs like Project Holiday, a local collaboration that provides less fortunate families with food and gifts.

At a recent event, Shirley Wang joined 51 fellow students from Northwest Junior High to help measure and package food at the old Cub Foods building on Highway 6.

"It's really important because everyone deserves to have a really good holiday," said Wang.

In addition to food, Project Holiday collected almost 9,000 donated gifts, which it plans to distribute to around 700 local families, said Cpt. Jennifer Smith of the Salvation Army.

"That's what Christmas is all about, that you know that there are children who will wake up Christmas morning and will have presents under their tree," she said.

Students as well as community members benefit from these volunteer events, Wilson said.

"Volunteering can just open a whole new avenue of exploration," she said.

Holiday volunteering

Some organizations that strive to give back during the holidays:

- Johnson County Crisis Center
- Salvation Army
- Elder Services
- Goodwill of the Heartland
- Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center
- The 10,000 Hours Show
- Dance Marathon

COUNCIL

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After deferring the ordinance at their second reading in September because of many concerns from the public, councilors allowed time for residents to come up with their own solutions.

"By lengthening the discussion it provided us with a good opportunity for discussion and deliverance," Bailey said.

Councilors added an amendment at the Dec. 1 meeting that requires an annual review of any data related to the curfew to monitor its effectiveness.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay has said collecting this information might be a challenge for the police department.

Kelsay said because most encounters will be handled "short of a citation," it will be difficult to keep track.

"We typically don't collect that information," he said.

There have been discussions about handing out warning notices as a way to keep track of the information, he said.

The curfew is a tiered system that requires children 13-years-old and under to be indoors by 10 p.m.; 14- and 15-year-olds in by 11 p.m.; 16- and 17-year-olds have until midnight.

City officials said any concerns about the effect it will have on 17-year-old UI students should be dismissed. If they're out past midnight for academic reasons, such as walking to the Main Library or IMU, then they're in the clear.

But if the student is breaking the law — for instance, a drinking violation — the responding officer can choose to tack a curfew violation onto the charges, Kelsay said.

But that's not the primary focus of the curfew, he said.

"It's a tool to address what appears to be groups of kids, not 17-year-old college students," Kelsay said.

Several cities that are the home to Big Ten schools have curfews, such as Bloomington, Ind., Madison, Wis., and Champaign, Ill.

"I think that's an unfounded concern," Kelsay said. "We're not going to be pulling people on the Ped Mall to see if they're 17 or 18."

According to UI Registrar statistics for this semester, 162 students enrolled at the UI are 17 or younger.

Exemptions to the curfew include political, religious, and work activities.

Exemptions to curfew

Juveniles are exempt in the following situations:

- Traveling through Iowa City
- Running an emergency errand
- Accompanied by a responsible adult
- Working during curfew hours

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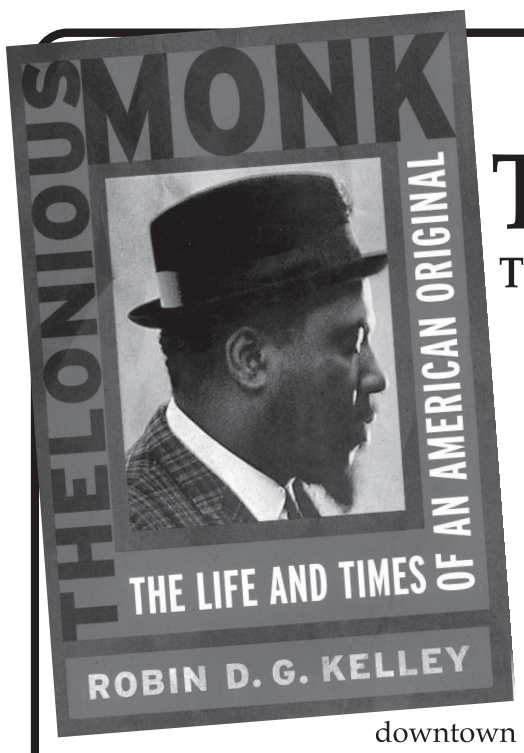

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Editorial

Currie's presidency marked by both success and failure thus far

UI Student Government President Michael Currie is no stranger to controversy. The UISG Senate censured him as a senator for conducting what critics called a racist game. During the campaign in April, Currie and other members of his GO! Party refused to attend a debate they deemed unfair.

Continuing that trend, Currie's presidency has been contentious as well — especially with his and UISG's endorsement of the 6 percent tuition hike for next year and the $100 tuition surcharge for this spring. This controversy has overshadowed most of his term, and rightly so. It's a widely unpopular move that will likely have damaging consequences to UISG-student relations for years to come.

As the semester comes to an end, it's important to evaluate Currie's term so far, weighing both the good and bad.

Currie and UISG have worked with UI administrators to implement some very beneficial measures. Keeping the Main Library open for 24 hours a day during finals week is perhaps the most impressive and beneficial achievement he has made. The extended hours are no small feat, considering the limited availability of study space.

Wih students staying out late to take advantage of the open hours, they'll need transportation to accommodate their study schedule. Currie and the UISG have worked with officials to extend Nite Ride service until 5 a.m. this week, giving female students much-needed rides to and from the Main Library. The cold weather, icy conditions, and Iowa City's notoriously limited downtown parking make public transportation essential. Kudos to Currie and UISG for working with officials to make this happen.

The UISG-sponsored tailgate at the IMU benefited students by showing UI officials that students can drink responsibly. Hopefully, such signs lead officials to think differently about how to tackle binge drinking by college students.

Currie's most dubious decision, however, has been his backing of the tuition surcharge and tuition increase. These misguided policies will cause more harm than any of the good resulting from the aforementioned achievements. The UISG president defended his actions, saying the fiscal crisis forced his hand.

"If it were any other year, I would protest it," he said.

Currie said he needed to back the measures in order to persuade UI officials to include a $60 service fee in the tuition increase instead of on top of it. But endorsing another surcharge and a tuition increase is still too big of a price to pay. His decision undercut his legitimacy; he now finds himself as the titular head of the student interest.

Currie also pushed a lag-lead tuition program for the UI. It would not freeze tuition, he said, but it would allow for a more controlled way of paying for college. Even though it is not a freeze, this promise stands in direct conflict with his support for the surcharge and tuition increase.

Currie's decisions will have lasting consequences. Former UISG President Maison Bleam said this move will hurt UISG-student relations because students expect their president to fulfill his promises. And he's right.

A promise is a debt, and Currie promised to help control the cost of going to school. He has since defaulted on that debt. With that reneging — and despite the several positive measures he's pushed this semester — he has likely torpedoed the efficacy of his term.

Your turn. How happy are you with UI Student Government President Michael Currie's performance so far? Weigh in at **dailyiowan.com**.

Dispatch

The climate conference

Daily Iowan *columnist Simeon Talley is one of a handful of UI students attending the ongoing U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. This is his first account from the monumental conference; subsequent accounts throughout the week will be posted on* ***dailyiowan.com****.*

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The climate-change talks taking place in Copenhagen are on life support. One week into the conference — and with one week to go — progress toward a worthwhile climate deal has been slow. In order to salvage the conference, negotiators will have to double down in order to reach a deal.

Monday's major news was a group of African nations walking out on negotiations and in dramatic fashion — late in the evening hour — choosing to come back to the negotiating table. Last week, news outlets reported that the Danish government had met with a group of rich nations — including the United States — outside the formal process and agreed to a draft text. Several poor nations were angered by what they perceived as a backroom deal that favored rich nations. The mood has been sour and souring ever since, culminating in today's walkout.

The walkout by African nations would have made a Copenhagen deal impossible, and it reflects long-held divisions. Organized as the G-77, developing nations want developed nations to commit to 40-45 percent emissions reductions from 1990 levels by 2020. And if you've been following international negotiations at all, you know that developed countries so far have committed to considerably less. The United States' commitment to a 17 percent reduction from 2005 levels by 2020 is estimated to be only a 3-4 percent reduction from 1990 CO_2 levels. And hell is more likely to freeze over before a change in the United States' position.

G-77 countries want more ambition in the areas of emissions reductions and adaptation financing. So far, developed countries haven't budged. With one week to go and only two days until heads of state start to roll in, negotiators have to find a way to reach a consensus in order for the conference to have a positive outcome.

A European Union commissioner characterized the atmosphere as "frozen." And that's a fairly accurate description of where we currently stand.

Whiskey, Tango, Foxtrot

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Life — or at least what we refer to as life in our weaker moments — is full of Whiskey-Tango-Foxtrot moments. Maybe you've noticed.

(What's with the "Whiskey-Tango" whatever? you say. It's Army lingo. No, I was never *in* the Army, but I worked for the Army when I lived in Berlin, teaching English to the German workers. I even had a U.S. Army ID, which amused my friends back in the States to no end, a lefty-liberal such as me carrying a U.S. Army ID. Well, it gave me free access to all the public transportation, which was quite handy, because I didn't have a car.

(One of the items I taught was what was called the "NATO alphabet" — Alfa for A, Charlie for C, Delta for D; you get the idea. I still remember some of it, though you'll notice I skipped B; I'm not sure I remember what B was — it might have been Bravo. The NATO alphabet comes in handy sometimes, much like knowing French, because you can curse in public without sounding as though you're uttering any of those impolite words.)

Thus we have Whiskey-Tango-Foxtrot moments.

Such as:

You have to wonder why the city bothers with declaring snow emergencies in order to plow the streets. I mean, if you're prone to walking on the side streets of the North Side (and if you can walk while you're prone, you're a lot more talented than the rest of us mere mortals), you'll notice that the city doesn't actually plow those side streets. It dumps a bunch of sand/salt on the roads and lets the auto traffic slowly wear the snow and ice away.

This is effective — sort of. What you wind up with almost a week after the blizzard is a mix of hard-packed snow and an interesting sort of slush on the streets. Interesting in the sense that it's amusing to try to walk through. I mean, it's really funny to have icy slush sloshing into your boots. For one thing, it keeps you from thinking about Tiger Woods.

And you have to admit, it's difficult these days *not* to think about Tiger Woods, because apparently, Woods (and his "female fans") is the only news story these days.

Not global climate change, which some still don't believe is happening. Yeah, right. Tell that to the glaciers in Bolivia and Colombia. (Yes, Virginia, Colombia and Bolivia have glaciers. But there is no Santa Claus.) You're going to have to tell those glaciers pretty quickly, by the way, because they are disappearing. (Hey, Bolivia and Colombia — I found your glaciers. They're in the Iowa City alleys.) Also disappearing is the water supply in El Alto, Bolivia, and other parts of the country, the *New York Times* reports.

But no, the sex life of Tiger Woods is front and center, so's to speak. What is it about people that they are so interested in other people's sex lives. Don't they have one of their own?

I mean, Whiskey-Tango-Foxtrot?

And then there's the mayor of Arlington, Tenn., and his reaction to President Obama's Afghanistan speech. The good mayor, in all his wisdom, contended that the speech on national TV was a plot to prevent children from seeing the Charlie Brown special on TV.

No, really.

Can't you just see Obama and his aides skulking around the West Wing, trying to figure out a way to keep America's innocent children from seeing the Peanuts special? They probably spent months on it. When they should have been trying to fix the economy and — who knows? — come up with something to do with Afghanistan. (Sell it to the Russians? No, wait — we tried that already.)

The good mayor also referred to Obama as "our Muslim president."

Whiskey-Tango-Foxtrot? ■

Guest opinion

To curb drinking problem, look to research and parental involvement

By PETER NATHAN

The Dec. 7 *Daily Iowan* article "The siren song of alcohol" brought home with great immediacy the terrible consequences of high-risk drinking at the UI. Admittedly, a good deal of what was written is familiar: Iowa's dubious standing as one of the nation's leaders in abusive drinking, the high rates of student self-reports of adverse consequences of this drinking, the growing numbers of arrests for alcohol-related events in Iowa City, and the proliferation of bars in the city. But interwoven with these familiar observations were the graphic, eyewitness reports chronicling the suffering of UI lethal drinkers because of their drinking. That was new on the pages of the *DI*.

Most of us assume that students who drink a lot get sick, act irresponsibly, drink and drive, and suffer the indignities of arrest for public intoxication or underage drinking. But these drinking consequences are abstract and depersonalized until we are brought face to face with the realities.

It's hard to read about the college-age man crumpled and abandoned on the curb outside One-Eyed Jakes, his body immobilized by alcohol. Or the Code 3 young woman, disoriented and covered with blood, unsure of where she is. Or the bloodied student outside Summit Bar and Restaurant, punched by someone he didn't know.

It's hard to read about these students and even harder to put ourselves in their places. Yet these are common consequences of overconsumption by underage students at the UI, as the author of this article saw them. In the face of his narrative power, telling the story as he saw it, it's hard to deny that high-risk drinking takes a huge toll on UI students.

What approaches to the problem of abusive drinking have been tested? The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has compiled a list of programs that "have proven effectiveness." Most focus on students who come to the university already at high risk for abusive drinking. They are designed to heighten motivation to change drinking, to change expectancies of the effects of abusive drinking, to use cognitive behavioral skills training to get drinking under better control, and to develop an overall plan to reduce the use of alcohol. Because so many UI undergraduates come to the university already experienced high-risk drinkers, this group is very large at the UI. One of these programs, BASIS, has been tested at the UI.

The national alcohol institute also endorses environmental-change strategies as a means for reducing alcohol-related problems in the general population. Not yet tested in college students but promising nonetheless, these strategies include increased enforcement of the minimum drinking-age laws, enforcement of other laws to reduce alcohol-impaired driving, restrictions on the density of alcohol outlets, increased prices on alcoholic beverages, and more responsible beverage-server policies. While some of these environmental change strategies have been tried in Iowa City, a more rigorous and consistent effort to change the drinking environment here may be worth the effort.

Finally, another strategy for dealing with the overconsumption problem at the UI could well include a solicitation for greater involvement of parents in their students' drinking, especially during the students' first year at the university. Research done at universities elsewhere suggests that increased parental involvement in their students' decisions about drinking may help moderate abusive drinking.

Peter Nathan is a former UI provost, a professor emeritus of community and behavioral health, and a nationally known expert on alcoholism.

Lighting celebrates Hanukkah

Closely approaching a decade of observance, an Iowa City tradition shows another side of the holiday season.

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While the holiday season can be aggressive, it can be hard to imagine that some minority groups might be left out of the festivities.

Fortunately for students such as Ally Milch, a popular tradition will allow to her to celebrate her Jewish heritage.

Milch, along with others in the local Jewish community, plan to attend the eighth-annual Menorah Lighting on the Pedestrian Mall at 5:30 p.m. today near Herteen and Stocker Jewelers, 101 S. Dubuque St. The Lubavitach of Iowa City, 420 E. Jefferson St., an Orthodox Jewish center headed by Rabbi Avremel Blesofsky, will host the event.

The lighting is in commemoration of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, which began Dec. 11 at sunset and will last until sunset on Saturday. The event celebrates the survival and perseverance of Judaism and its followers in the face of coercion.

"[Hanukkah is] a fight against assimilation," said Gerald Sorokin, a rabbi and the executive director of the Hillel Foundation. Because Hanukkah is not found in the Torah, its significance is sometimes overshadowed by other religious holidays on the Jewish calendar, he said, but its symbolism is important in terms of cultural patrimony.

"It's supposed to be a statement about Jewish identity and that we're different," Sorokin said.

Definitions aside, the practices of Hanukkah vary by family and are often family-oriented. Traditions include lighting a candle for each day accompanied by prayers and dining on traditional Hanukkah foods such a latkes and jelly doughnuts cooked in oil.

UI senior Rachel Kodner said some of her family's Hanukkah traditions emulate those of Christmas and that the celebration has become more commercial because of its popularity.

"It's become a much bigger deal because of the time of year," she said. The resident of Evanston, Ill., a city with a significant Jewish population, also said the Festival of Lights not only allows her the opportunity to be with her family, and the holiday is as heavily advertised as Christmas in her hometown.

"[Businesses] make sure if there's a Christmas tree, there's a menorah," she said.

Kodner, a Reform Jew, said she has never been to a public menorah lighting, because Hanukkah observances are mostly a private matter. In contrast, Milch, a Conservative believer, said her family sets a 7-foot menorah on their lawn and other decorations inside her home.

OBSERVANCE
Hanukkah Menorah Lighting
When: 5:30 p.m. today
Where: Pedestrian Mall
Admission: Free

"The reason that we [have decorations in] public is because we don't have to hide," the UI junior from Bettendorf said.

But even with such public displays of Juadism, Blesofsky still believes that Jewish culture could be more visible. He is an active proponent of Chabad, an educational organization designed to increase Jewish people's knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment in their faith. He sees the Menorah Lighting as filling a void that is needed for the local community.

"The public menorah display offers a level of accessibility that has never existed," Blesofsky wrote in an e-mail. "And people just want to be connected to their heritage."

A history of Hanukkah

The eight-day Hanukkah observance has a multifaceted history that varies from one interpretation to another. In terms of religion, the holiday commemorates the miracle of the burning of a small valve of oil found in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after its recovery from the Seleucid Empire.

Judah Maccabee, leader of the Maccabean Revolt that led to the liberation of Judea from the Seleucid Empire in the second century BCE, ordered that the temple be rededicated after the outlawing of Judaism in the region in 167 BCE.

A tradition in commemorating the temple was the lighting of the menorah, a symbol of Judaism for more than 3,000 years, that required the burning of olive oil. However, Maccabee and his followers only found enough oil to light the menorah for one day, yet it miraculously burned for eight, enough time to supply the temple with another batch of oil.

Although the date of Hanukkah varies in accordance to the Jewish calendar, the holiday typically begins as early as late November or mid to late December.

MOVIE REVIEW

South Africa's Field of Dreams

Invictus rises above a mere sports film to become something much better.

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Making a sports movie is, at best, a break-even proposition. While there are some classic sports films — like, say *Hoosiers* or *Field of Dreams* — the genre as a whole is, more often than not, terrible (*Necessary Roughness*, anyone? Anyone?).

Invictus
When: 3:50, 6:45, 9:45 p.m.
Where: Sycamore 12
When: 4:20, 7:10, 10 p.m.
Where: Coral Ridge 10
★★★★ *out of* ★★★★★

The best of the genre seek to use sports as a frame of reference, as something to bring out a larger discussion. Thankfully, Clint Eastwood's *Invictus* does just that. Though it at first appears to be just another sports movie — albeit one featuring world leaders — *Invictus* uses its chosen sport, rugby, to highlight how a nation heals after a tragedy.

Centered on Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) and his first year as the president of South Africa, *Invictus* focuses strongly on rugby, but only as a means of showing how Mandela attempted to unite the clashing peoples of the post-apartheid nation.

The nation's whites, as Mandela points out, cheer for the Springboks, South Africa's national team. The blacks, however, view the Springboks as a token of apartheid's cruel reign and cheer for any team that plays against them. In an effort toward unity following his controversial election, Mandela works with team captain François Pienaar (Matt Damon) to make the Boks a truly national team and win the rugby World Cup.

The role of Mandela is one that seems almost too perfect for Freeman. He handles the pressure of the role greatly, playing the world leader with dramatic understatement — not letting Mandela's (and perhaps his own) greatness get in the way of everyone else.

The only complaint to be levied against *Invictus* is that Freeman wasn't in it more. During the Springboks journey to the site of the World Cup, they tour the Robben Island prison where Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years. Here, Pienaar sees flashes of Mandela in jail, played brilliantly by Freeman.

PUBLICITY PHOTO/KEITH BERNSTEIN
Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) and François Pienaar (Matt Damon) seek to bring South Africa together through sport in *Invictus*.

Eastwood veers away from his usual directorial grit and brings the beauty in *Invictus*. Everything in the film is crisp, showing the better side of a divided nation while still giving a nod to the darkness and tension beneath. *Invictus* is a film about unity — about that better side — and Eastwood does it justice.

But he doesn't always hold back on the grit. Rugby, after all, is a violent game, and the director does not shy away from that. When the game is on, the dirt and blood fly. Quick cuts and blurring shots add the frenetic pace of the game to the film.

Invictus, by its end, does everything a great sports film should and does it well. With stunning performances by Freeman and Damon and fantastic directing by Eastwood, the film not only shows the powerful story of South Africa, but brings moviegoers together as well.

Check out **dailyiowan.com** to read the rest.

A LOOK BACK AT THE LAST 10 YEARS

Best albums of last 10 years

1. Radiohead – *Kid A*

Exploring the ground between rock and electronica, Radiohead not only spearheaded a new direction in its own catalogue, it also created a new genre of music. Thom Yorke's voice howls over pulses and synths, finding footing in an exploration of mankind.

2. Outkast – *Stankonia*

Outkast represents what hip-hop should sound like. The boys not only bring clever lyrics but an original blend of beats that ground themselves between dance and rap.

3. MGMT – *Oracular Spectacular*

From the catchy opening of "Time to Pretend" to the anthem of "Kids," MGMT provides some of the best electronic music of the decade. The lyrics don't hide the theme of having fun, and as the music embraces it, listeners can't help but feel the same.

4. White Stripes – *Icky Thump*

It might be safe to say that the last 10 years were the "Years of Jack White," but nothing reveals his talent more than *Icky Thump*. Who doesn't remember screaming "you don't know what love is, you just do what you're told" after a breakup.

5. Animal Collective – *Merriweather Post Pavillion*

Sold as lame hipster rock for most of the decade, Animal Collective burst into the mainstream with 2009's *Merriweather Post Pavillion*. Rather than focusing on the spacy, drug-induced ambient noise of its earlier work, the group solidified its sound and pulled together its best album to date.

6. Sufjan Stevens – *Illinois*

Blending both pop and rock, Sufjan Stevens provided a little bit of everything with *Illinois*, gaining fans ranging from college students to 45-year-old moms. His tenor voice dances above bouncy, catchy rhythms as he encourages listeners to join his journey.

7. Jay-Z – *The Blueprint*

Considered by many to be the greatest rapper of all-time, Jay-Z's *The Blueprint* proves to be his best. Songs such as "Song Cry" and "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)" show the world that the artist's talents not only as a lyricist but also as a producer.

8. Modest Mouse – *The Moon & Antarctica*

Before Modest Mouse delivered "good news" to the mainstream, the Seattle-based band gave the music world a dosage of depression and alternative rock. Although not the most uplifting album, *The Moon & Antarctica* opens a portal to the most honest, yet frustrating parts of being alive.

9. Queens of the Stone Age – *Songs for the Deaf*

In a decade full of clone rock 'n' roll, such as the Nickelbacks and Daughtrys, Queens of the Stone Age emerged as a leader in rock and made Top-40 stations tolerable. *Songs of the Deaf*, a concept album about driving across the country, represents the group's best and complete work.

10. Death Cab for Cutie – *Transatlanticism*

Indie-rock god Death Cab for Cutie was once just a small Seattle band. But after 2003's *Transatlanticism*, the group emerged as leaders of the independent movement. Now, Ben Gibbard's voice can't help but be associated with broken hearts and lost love.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Who should have won the Heisman?

Ndamukong Suh

The Heisman Trophy is supposed to be awarded to the best *player* in college football.

While Mark Ingram had a terrific season, it doesn't compare to the dominance of Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh.

It's unfortunate that the "skill" positions are considered the most prestigious players. There is no way the most prolific player in college football is year in and year out a quarterback, a wide receiver, or a running back.

The Nagurski and Outland trophy winner's 82 tackles ranks first amongst defensive tackles, and his 12 sacks are tied for third best in the nation.

Suh's four-and-a-half sack performance against fellow Heisman candidate Colt McCoy is a Big 12 championship game record.

Only one defensive player has ever won the Heisman — Michigan's Charles Woodson, who was also a kick returner. This was the year for a defensive player to win because of the lackluster play on the offensive side of the ball.

Former Iowa running back Shonn Greene put up more rushing yards in 2008 than both Toby Gerhart and Mark Ingram, and he wasn't even invited to the Heisman ceremony last year.

Colt McCoy lost his shot at the trophy after throwing three picks and nearly giving the Big 12 championship game to Nebraska in the final seconds.

Tim Tebow had no business even being nominated for the award. His stats were not deserving of being mentioned as one of the best in college football.

He was 57th in completions, 49th in passing yards, tied for 39th in passing touchdowns, and 61st in total rushing yards.

To put that in perspective, Middle Tennessee State quarterback Dwight Dasher ranks higher in all of these categories.

It's time that defensive players got the recognition they deserve. But maybe it's better that Suh didn't win. He avoided the Heisman curse.

Look what the trophy did for Eric Crouch. He never took a snap in the NFL and now runs a playground-equipment business.

— by Mitch Smith

Mark Ingram

He was Alabama's first Heisman Trophy winner, and he totally deserved it.

Mark Ingram had the best season of anyone in a major conference, and he was the best player on the best team.

Sounds like a good start.

Let's address each of the non-winners one at a time, with the exception of "Jesus" Tebow and his pity invitation.

First there was Ndamukong Suh, the underdog tackle from Nebraska. While he did have the best defensive season of anyone, what separates him from past great tackles who did not garner an invitation?

He didn't score touchdowns on defense. He played in the weak Big 12 North, and he played for a team that lost to Iowa State.

Yikes. Next competitor.

Colt McCoy, the cowboy named gunslinger from Texas, submitted another great season for the burnt orange. Yet, he had Jordan Shipley to pitch and catch to in a great coach's system.

McCoy also got dominated by Suh who, as voters established, did not win the award, either.

This leaves Toby Gerhart. It was the closest Heisman race ever, but Ingram had more votes, and more first-place votes than his West Coast competitor.

Gerhart had more yards and touchdowns in a run-centric offense, but on 62 more attempts than the sophomore Ingram.

The SEC champion had a better yards per carry average, with 6.2 compared with 5.6, and if he had the 311 attempts that Gerhart had, would have gained an extra 384 yards — putting him as a mortal lock for the Heisman.

Keep in mind Gerhart's statistics were all gained on a strength of schedule of 64, while Ingram's Crimson Tide faced the fourth-best schedule in the country.

Finally, look at the records of the two teams. While Ingram is playing in the national championship, because of a game he took control of in the SEC championship, Gerhart can watch the game from home.

— by Ian Martin

C.J. Spiller

C.J. Spiller not only should have been invited to New York City, he should have won the Heisman Trophy.

Instead, he finished sixth in votes, once again demonstrating that Heisman voting is whack.

That was despite his coming off his best performance. But then again he didn't cry his eyes out because he lost that game, either. Maybe he should have.

Nonetheless, in the ACC championship game, Clemson's do-it-all back darn-near carried his Tigers to an Orange Bowl berth. He recorded more than 300 all-purpose yards and accounted for four of Clemson's five touchdowns in its 39-34 loss to Georgia Tech.

But big-time performances in big-time games have been the norm for Spiller all season long.

The Tigers rode him to a huge 40-37 overtime upset victory at Miami, which ranked 10th in the nation at the time. Not only did he carry the ball for more than 80 yards, he also caught the ball for more than 100 yards and a score.

Did I mention he returned a kick for a touchdown?

No defense was "Spill" proof in '09.

When Clemson met TCU on Sept. 26, it lost, 14-10. Who scored the Tigers' only touchdown? Spiller.

He didn't pay much attention to the Horned Frogs' vaunted defense. Despite the fact that TCU could key in against Spiller, he tallied up over 200 all-purpose yards. No big deal.

If you want to talk about career achievements — which is the primary reason Colt McCoy and Tim Tebow even finished as top five vote-getters — Spiller's got those too.

His opening kickoff return touchdown against rival South Carolina on Nov. 28 put him in elite company. He became just the fifth player in Football Bowl Subdivision history to total more than 7,000 all-purpose yards, and that return was his seventh career kickoff TD return — a record.

I'm sure Spiller isn't too bitter about being left out. He'll be, at worst, the second best pro player of the top six vote-getters. Plenty of accolades will be waiting for Spiller at the next level.

— by Jordan Garretson

Toby Gerhart

This was not the year of the quarterback.

And in turn, it was obvious this year's Heisman Trophy would not go to a signal-caller.

That automatically ruled out Florida's Tim Tebow and Texas' Colt McCoy, vaulting Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, Alabama running back Mark Ingram, and Stanford running back Toby Gerhart into the national spotlight — the brightest of those three stars being the 6-1, 235-pound running back from Stanford.

The Doak Walker award winner ran for the most yards (1736) and touchdowns (26) in the Football Bowl Subdivision, more than qualifying himself as the best player in the country.

Part of the Heisman process is deciding the effect a player has on his team. No one had more of an effect than Gerhart.

Coming into the Cardinal roster as a freshman, Stanford was a one-win team without much of a personality.

This year, that group of losers defeated No. 9 USC, No. 8 Oregon, and No. 24 Washington.

The Heisman meant to be given to the singular best player in the country, no matter how the team does. In giving the award to Ingram, the committee lost sight of individual performance and instead focused on the performance of a team.

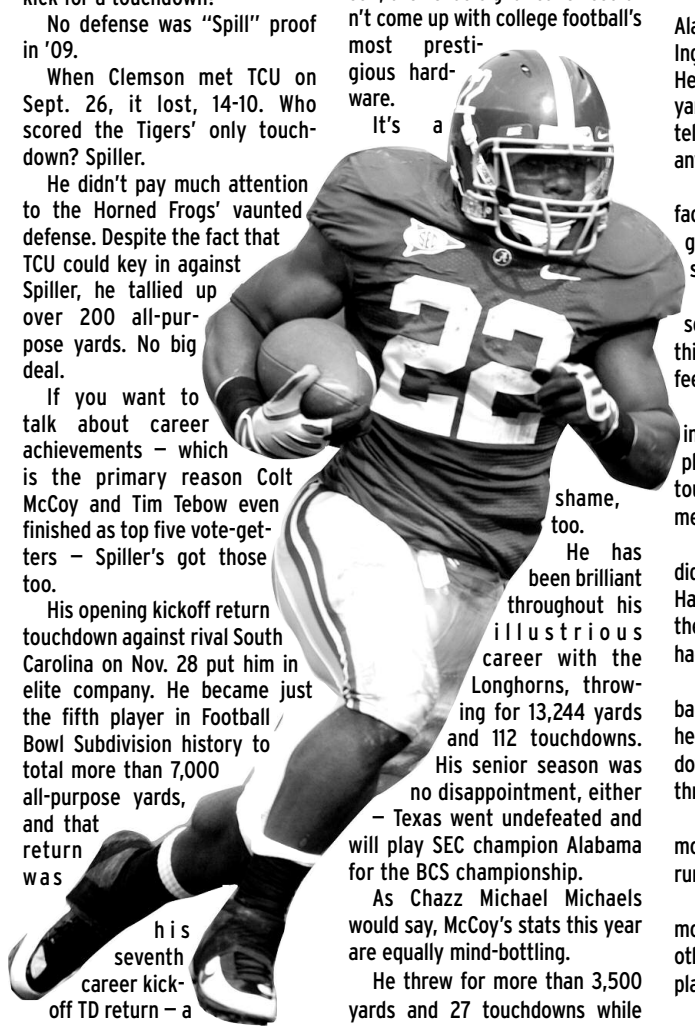
Gerhart might well be one of the highest-drafted running backs in next April. It's just too bad the team didn't go undefeated.

— by Jake Krzeczowski

Colt McCoy

Colt McCoy has the perfect quarterback name. Or cowboy name. Or *3 Ninjas* name.

But for a second-straight season, the Texas signal-caller couldn't come up with college football's most prestigious hardware.



It's a shame, too.

He has been brilliant throughout his illustrious career with the Longhorns, throwing for 13,244 yards and 112 touchdowns. His senior season was no disappointment, either — Texas went undefeated and will play SEC champion Alabama for the BCS championship.

As Chazz Michael Michaels would say, McCoy's stats this year are equally mind-bottling.

He threw for more than 3,500 yards and 27 touchdowns while connecting on more than 70 percent of his throws.

His accuracy has always been his strongest asset. He's never finished a season throwing below 65 percent, and last year he hit receivers at an unbelievable 76.7 percent clip.

He has been a beacon of consistency throughout his career, which carried over to an impressive and Heisman-worthy final season.

I'll admit Toby Gerhart was a solid runner-up for the award. He had a great season, and if not for Stanford's losses, may have come up with the vote.

But Mark Ingram? He also had a good year for Alabama but certainly not one worthy of being called the best player this college football season.

Heck, Shonn Greene had more yards and touchdowns last year, and he didn't snag first place.

So McCoy was snubbed by voters once again.

I can only take solace in this year's Heisman voting knowing that Tim Tebow finished dead last.

— by Matt Schommer

Tim Tebow

Most people didn't believe Tim Tebow deserved to be a Heisman Trophy finalist, but he should have won it.

The Heisman rarely goes to the best player in college football — rather the most valuable or most important one.

Michael Crabtree could have qualified as the best player last year. This season I would argue Nebraska's Ndamukong Suh would be considered the best pure player.

In 2004, Matt Leinart won, when Jason White and Alex Smith clearly had better years. In 2006, when Troy Smith won, Brady Quinn and Adrian Peterson also had better years.

But Smith and Leinart went to title games. Sound familiar?

Now, I'm not going to say Tebow was college football's best player this year, because he was not. Statistics will tell you that, and in that case, Toby Gerhart would have won.

But Tebow is the most valuable player, which is usually who wins.

It's odd that before the Florida-Alabama SEC championship game, Ingram was a long shot to win the Heisman. Then Ingram rips off 189 yards and beats Florida on national television, and now Tebow is not any good, and Ingram is top dog.

We've all seen Tebow play; in fact, players, coaches, and teams in general go out of their way to stop this guy.

We all love to hate him for some weird reason. Don't you think the rest of college football feels the same way?

My point is, when a team is trying its absolute hardest to shut a player down, the game's a bit tougher, therefore the numbers meant more this year than ever.

Give the guy some credit. He didn't have a guy named Percy Harvin or Louis Murphy stretching the field for him this season, so he had to do the work himself.

Tebow wasn't just the quarterback, but the running back. In fact, he only had five less rushing touchdowns than Ingram, and he also threw for 18 scores.

Even on his own team, he had more than 200 carries when no running back even had 100.

Tebow deserved it this year more than any. I don't know any other team that relies more on one player than the Gators.

— by Patrick Rafferty

Howard leads Magic win

By ANTONIO GONZALEZ
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard overcame a slow start to finish with 21 points and 23 rebounds, powering the Orlando Magic past the Indiana Pacers, 106-98, on Monday night.

Howard endured hard-hitting fouls and a Pacers team determined to not let him dunk. He went 4 for 9 from the field, still struggled with free throws but helped Orlando snap its two-game losing skid with some physical play in the paint.

The Magic big man had some help with 28 points from Vince Carter, who missed the past two days of practice because of a stomach ailment, sore right knee and slight hip discomfort.

Mike Dunleavy had 26 points, and Troy Murphy added 14 points after frustrating Howard early for Indiana, which had its two-game winning streak end.

Howard's defense forced the Pacers to shot from outside. And when they collapsed in the paint defensively, that left the streaky Magic shooters with open looks.

Rashard Lewis and J.J. Redick hit consecutive 3-pointers in the final two minutes to put Orlando ahead by eight and seal the victory.

The Pacers had the Magic off to a woeful start.

Indiana stifled Howard early, made Orlando into a jumpshooting team and rushed out to a 34-17 lead early in the second quarter. That cushion could have been bigger.

But Carter made sure it wasn't.

Carter made back-to-back 3-pointers late in the opening quarter, finishing with 14 points in the period to keep the game from being a blowout early.

Behind strong efforts off the bench from Redick and Anthony Johnson, the Magic slowly edged closer. Then their big man got going.

During one stretch in the second quarter, Howard swatted a lay-up by Murphy, sprinted to the other end for the rebound off Matt Barnes' missed 3-pointer and slammed it down over Solomon Jones to start a three-point play.

That play brought the arena alive and highlighted a 28-10 run by the Magic that helped close Indiana's lead to 54-53 at the half.

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HAMLIN

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The Douglass, Kan., native remained in the ICU until Nov. 18. The clot had gradually disappeared, and doctors removed the tubes from Hamlin's leg.

"I tried to stay pretty calm for the most part. I think I was probably the calmest of my whole family," she said. "Not being able to play basketball was kind of hard, but at the same time, they kind of give you a choice between life and basketball.

"Obviously, life's a pretty easy choice."

A new role

Hamlin achieved her goal of being on the bench on Nov. 18 when her team faced then-No. 19 Kansas in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes battled the vastly more experienced Jayhawks for the entire 40 minutes, even leading by three points with 6:41 remaining in the game.

Iowa eventually fell, 66-55.

But the game meant much more than that for Hamlin. It meant she was able to rejoin her teammates.

"It meant a lot just because we spend so much time together, and we're really close friends. We all care about each other," Hamlin said. "[Their] welcoming me back to the team was nice."

JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's JoAnn Hamlin attempts to save the ball during an exhibition game against Upper Iowa on Nov. 9, 2008, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa, 74-54.

> 'Not being able to play basketball was kind of hard, but at the same time, they kind of give you a choice between life and basketball.'
>
> - **JoAnn Hamlin**, senior

The lanky post player had figured to be a key part of the Hawkeye attack. Not only was she expected to start for head coach Lisa Bluder, but she was expected to mentor 6-5 freshman Morgan Johnson.

Not able to join her understudy on the floor, Hamlin succeeded anyway.

"[Hamlin] is still a leader," Bluder said. "She's specifically put Morgan underneath her wing. She helps Morgan out with seeing different things on the floor. When it comes to time-outs, she can help her out with that, or when it comes to halftime, she can give her some pieces of advice that I know she values."

So far, things are working out. Johnson, who was named Kansas City Star Scholar Athlete of the Year as a senior in high school, has done more than just meet expectations. Through 10 games, Johnson is averaging 10.7 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 2.1 blocks per contest.

But just ask the rest of Hamlin's teammates, such as sophomore point guard Kamille Wahlin — it doesn't take long to see Hamlin has contributed more than her expertise.

"One day she was with us and the next day she was going into the hospital," Wahlin said. "It's just kind of a realization and puts things into perspective, knowing that every day is a blessing to be on the court. We just have to take advantage of each day because you just don't know what could happen the next."

MOORE

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Although Moore was recruited by a number of competitive track schools including Mississippi, Florida State, Notre Dame, Columbia, and Georgia State, she said Iowa had added appeal because it was "different."

The Atlanta native said she had never been to the Midwest before making her official visit during her senior year of high school. Iowa sprinting coach and recruiting coordinator Clive Roberts said he began "building a relationship" with Moore after researching her prep career.

Qualifying for the Georgia state championships four years in a row and winning four state titles put Moore on the map for prospective recruiters. Her best events, the 100- and 200-meter dashes, brought her four individual crowns her freshman and sophomore years.

While her career rocketed in high school, she had been running since the fifth grade. But as a youngster, she never thought to pursue the sport further until she realized she "wasn't losing."

When Moore got serious about her career, she decided to transfer to another high school in hopes of finding a higher level of competition and more attention from college recruiters.

After her sophomore year, Moore left Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School to run at Sandy Creek High — a larger, public school in her area of Atlanta where the Iowa coaching staff eventually found her.

GEORGE POTERACKI/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa freshman Raven Moore studies animal biology in her Hillcrest dorm room on Monday. Raven was recruited by several big-name track schools but opted for Iowa. "I wanted to start something new at a new place and let Iowa be known," she said.

Roberts said he knew at the beginning of his recruiting search Moore would be the addition the Hawkeyes needed in the sprinting events.

"I knew not only could Raven compete at this level athletically, but also academically. Plus, she also has a great personality," Roberts said. "I knew we could dot the Is and cross the Ts in those three areas, so it just kind of went from there."

Moore said her decision to come to Iowa was almost instantaneous after her visit. During that time, she felt a great connection with the team.

Now, as an official member of the Hawkeye squad, she maintains the idea that a strong team bond will help Iowa win. She is pushing her teammates to work harder.

Fellow sprinter and senior Rhonda Trusty said Moore "increases the level of competition" and "brings more depth" to the 53-member team.

At Iowa's intrasquad meet on Dec. 6, Moore tied Trusty, an All-Big Ten honoree, in the 60-meter dash. That performance confirmed Roberts' confidence in his new recruit.

"She is a born leader," Roberts said. "She comes every single day and does the best she can do. Even though she's a shorter girl, she just tries to squeeze everything God has given her out of her body. From the first day of practice, everyone could see she was really working."

SWIMMING

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Hawks are "right where they want to be."

"I thought we had a great fall season," he said. "Especially our freshmen. They came in and adapted quickly, and they've fit with the team really well."

Freshmen typically ar en't expected to make a strong impact in their first season. However, the Hawkeyes are writing their own book.

Freshmen Byron Butler, Jordan Huff, Patrick Weigand, and Pawel Gilski, among others, have already made their marks.

Sophomore Brian Tremml also noticed the fresh faces. He said with the freshmen swimming up to their potential, Iowa could surprise people at the Big Ten championships in late February, 2010.

"We have a really young team," the second-year Michigan native said. "I think optimistic would be the best word to describe it. The freshmen came in ready to go. They didn't need much help. If they needed help, the veterans were clear to give it to them. They stepped right up and raced, and I think that's what they brought them here to do."

One. That's the number of losses the Hawkeyes have in the dual meets this season, which came against Minnesota.

Following that 118-114 defeat on Nov. 6, the Hawkeyes didn't slow down. Instead, they went on to win the Hawkeye Invitational in blow-out fashion, then earned a fourth-place finish out of more than 53 teams at the Short Course meet. Tremml said the focus of college swimming is February and March, and all work leads up to that point.

"This is prime training time right now," he said. "We take care of finals week, then hit it hard for four to six weeks of intense training. It's great. We go down to Florida in the warm weather and get away from everything and focus on swimming."

Tremml said that ever since he's been on campus, all the talk has been about making the next move. Even when head coach Marc Long visited with Tremml, he spoke about taking the team to a superior level.

"I can remember on my recruiting trip, just making the next step," he said. "We're kind of at the bottom of the Big Ten right now, but with the dual meet success we've had, were definitely going to move up at conference this year and have a presence at NCAAs. Hawkeye swimming is definitely on the rise."

Assistant Coach Nathan Mundt cites the team atmosphere as a reason for success. He is hoping the team's continuity will help lead it to even more celebration in the future.

"I think it's a really positive vibe with these guys," he said. "They're a hard working bunch that enjoy being around each other in and out of the pool. They're really excited to get down to Florida and have a great training trip and improve throughout the second semester."

NFL

49ers stun sloppy Cardinals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals threw away a chance to clinch a second-straight NFC West crown.

Alex Smith threw touchdown passes after two of Arizona's seven turnovers, Frank Gore ran for 167 yards and another score, and the San Francisco 49ers kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a dominant 24-9 victory Monday night.

With a relentless defensive attack, San Francisco forced the sloppy Cardinals into five first-half turnovers and kept Kurt Warner from finding a groove. Warner threw two interceptions in the opening half after going 130 passes without a pick. Now, Arizona (8-5) can still clinch the division by winning two of its final three games.

Gore had his most productive game since Week 2, running over a Cardinal defense that held Adrian Peterson to just 19 yards in a win against Minnesota last week. Gore was certainly motivated for a big night after getting only 30 yards on 22 carries in a season-opening victory at Arizona on Sept. 13.

Smith, coming off a loss at Seattle last week in which he threw for a career-high 310 yards, connected on TD passes to Vernon Davis and Michael Crabtree and finished 19 of 35 for 144 yards. The 49ers (6-7) answered coach Mike Singletary's challenge to make a statement on the national stage against the reigning NFC champions.

The Cardinals had their second game with six or more turnovers of the season, much to the delight of the sellout crowd at Candlestick Park. The 49ers had a franchise-record five forced fumbles, two by safety Dashon Goldson.

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"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday."

– Don Marquis

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Haiku Tuesday

My family tree,
few branches but still shady,
and so full of saps.

"Would you like a drink?"
is my nice way of saying,
"I would like a drink."

I pay her with laughs,
and though she accepts, she tires
of minimum wage.

Jars and jars of cash,
buried throughout the backyard.
Safer than in banks.

"Y'all talk funny!"
she said of the Iowans
in a Southern drawl.

I missed the sermon,
distracted by lights glinting
off preacher's Rolex.

I pledge heart, soul, life,
and tell her how I love her,
and she says "ditto."

"Lacks ability."
But my teachers had it wrong:
"Lax ability."

Sleeps all day, needs pills,
diet restrictions, has fleas,
not the best girlfriend.

I am not "a tramp,"
and I have not "been around."
I'm "sexperienced."

I'm completely broke
and e'rything I own is
completely broke, too.

– **Andrew R. Juhl**;
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– by Eugenia Last

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TAURUS April 20-May 20 You will overspend if you go shopping. Impulsive, unnecessary purchases or overspending on lavish entertainment will set you back. Being short of cash when you need it most will cause stress.
GEMINI May 21-June 20 Your focus should be on partnerships. Changes at home will bring good results if you work with – instead of against – what's already implemented by someone else. You will discover that things aren't as bad as you think if you compromise.
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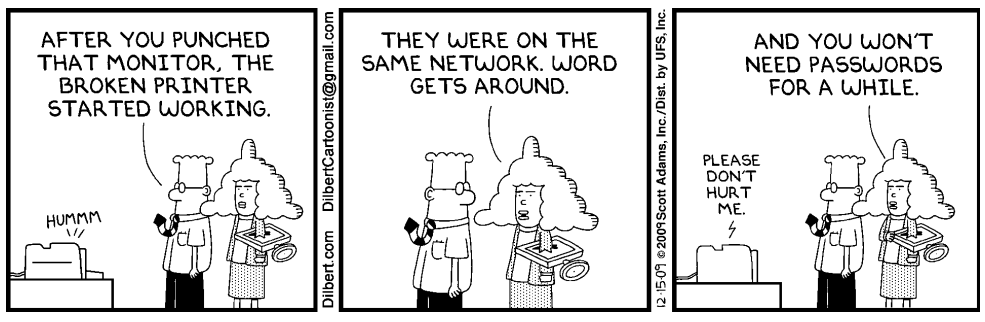

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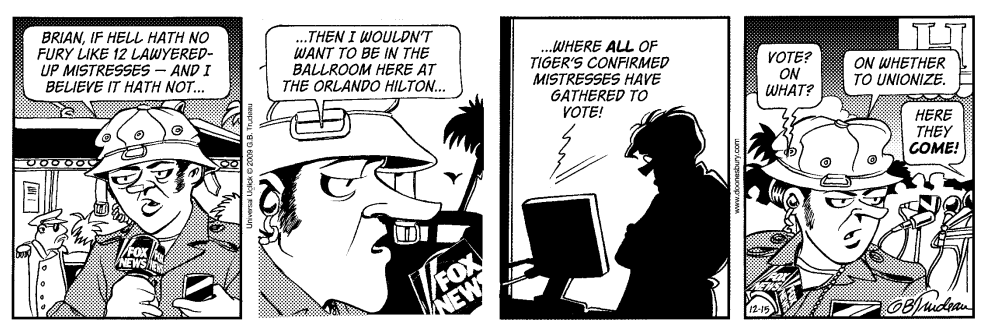

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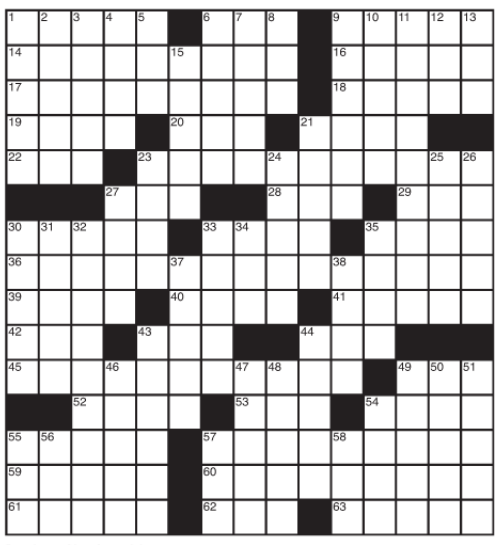

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29 Globe: Abbr.
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33 Titan, to 9-Down
35 Director Kazan
36 Process involving illegal drug profits, say
39 Prima donnas have big ones
40 Falco of 23-Across
41 Feelings, informally
42 What a high jumper jumps
43 Original N.Y.C. subway line
44 Coop denizen
45 Flip side of the Beatles' "If I Fell"
49 500 mg., say
52 ___ May Clampett of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
53 ___ in queen
54 One seeking damages
55 Like some tabloid headlines
57 Retreat in fear
59 In pursuit of
60 Carpool, say
61 With 63-Across, name associated with the starts of 17-, 23-, 36-, 45- and 57-Across
62 Bug planter
63 See 61-Across

Down
1 Squelch
2 Extremely impressed
3 Like dry mud on cleats
4 Paradise
5 Three-time title for Yogi Berra, in brief
6 Potions professor at Hogwarts
7 Ad agcy. clients
8 "I didn't know that!"
9 Second-largest planet in the solar system
10 Ancient market
11 1960s movement rejecting traditional gender roles
12 Suffix with labyrinth
13 Albany is its cap.
15 Hilo hello
21 Shell out
23 Lead role on 23-Across
24 Form of oxygen with a sharp odor
25 Speak one's piece
26 Catches, as fly balls
27 Domesticated insects
30 Unicellular organism
31 Boston airport
32 "___ form a more perfect Union …"
33 Long-running "S.N.L." rival
34 Arles assent
35 "___ Brockovich"
37 Jim Croce's "bad, bad" Brown
38 At any time
43 "Let me help with the dishes"
44 "Steppenwolf" author
46 Perjurer's admission
47 Provide with gear
48 Good at home repairs
49 Like Mayberry
50 Big name in balers and harvesters
51 Elizabeth of cosmetics
54 Funny Mort
55 It's practiced on "The Practice"
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58 Rebs' grp.

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Kansas on top

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Kansas was the runaway No. 1 pick in the Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday, just as it has been each week since the season began last month.

Kansas State and New Mexico entered the rankings this week. The Wildcats joined the poll for the first time since the 2007-08 season, a drought dwarfed by the Lobos, whose previous appearance in the Top 25 was in March 1999.

The Jayhawks (9-0), who easily beat Radford and La Salle last week, received 61 first-place votes from the national media panel and were well ahead of Texas (8-0), which received one first-place vote and was No. 2 for the third-straight week.

Kentucky (10-0), which was No. 1 on one ballot, and Purdue (9-0) both moved up one spot to third and fourth, following Villanova's 75-65 loss to Temple on Sunday. The Wildcats (9-1) dropped to eighth.

Syracuse (10-0), which beat Florida last week for its third win over a ranked team this season, received the other two first-place votes and jumped from seventh to fifth.

West Virginia remained sixth and was followed by Duke, Villanova, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

UConn stays on top

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It's been almost a decade since Connecticut has had a run this long at No. 1.

The top-ranked Huskies remained No. 1 in the Associated Press Top 25 for the 30th-straight week, matching the longest run atop the poll in school history. UConn, which received all 40 first-place votes Monday from the national media panel, tied the mark set from 1999-2001.

The Huskies are still six short of the all-time record of 36-consecutive weeks at No. 1, held by Louisiana Tech from 1980-82.

Connecticut blew out Hartford by 35 points in its only game this week — many schools are still in exams. The Huskies (8-0), who have won their games by an average of 45 points, will play Iona on Sunday before a showdown against No. 2 Stanford on Dec. 23. The Cardinal will face both Duke and Tennessee at home before that game.

"The upcoming three games are going to be so huge," Stanford guard Rosalyn Gold-Onwude said. "We talked about what it would take to beat them, coming out and establishing our home court."

FOOTBALL

The Iowa Hawkeyes are heading to the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl, and *The Daily Iowan* will be there, too, providing ample coverage from Miami.

Starting Dec. 30, be sure to visit **dailyiowan.com** to check up on Kirk Ferentz and the No. 10 Hawkeyes as they prepare for their BCS showdown with ACC champion Georgia Tech on Jan. 5, 2010.

From stories and blog updates to photo slide shows and multimedia pieces, *The Daily Iowan* will have the Hawks covered. Daily Iowan TV webcasts, including the Daily Iowan Football Forum, will also be online daily.

Hamlin deals with big change

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ABOVE: Iowa center JoAnn Hamlin reacts after a shot during the Iowa women's basketball team's game against Georgia Tech in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on March 22 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. After losing to Iowa State in the 2008 NCAA Tournament, the Yellow Jackets overpowered the Hawkeyes, 76-62.

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RIGHT: Hawkeye center JoAnn Hamlin fights for control of the basketball during the Iowa women's basketball team's game against Purdue in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 24, 2008. The Hawkeyes defeated Purdue, 69-53, improving their winning streak to three games.

A serious blood clot altered life and basketball for Iowa senior JoAnn Hamlin.

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IT'S Nov. 5, and JoAnn Hamlin is trying to sleep. But she can't get comfortable.

She is experiencing a constant stabbing pain in her right leg.

Fast forward a month later, and Hamlin is no longer competing alongside her teammates. Although she's still a leader on the bench, she can't play.

Instead, her name now appears on the injury report as being "out for the season after having a blood clot removed from her right leg."

What was eventually discovered to be a serious clot started on Nov. 2 as what the 6-3 center thought was a muscle-related injury — perhaps a groin pull. Hamlin, the only senior on the Iowa women's basketball team this season, practiced on Tuesday and Wednesday that week.

The pain quickly went away after running through drills for a few minutes. But after Wednesday, it got much worse.

"Thursday, it bothered me all through practice," Hamlin said. "Thursday night, it was so bad that I could hardly walk. It just kind of steadily progressed until it got really bad."

On Friday, Nov. 6, Hamlin had X-rays taken. She said doctors wanted to make sure she didn't have a stress fracture or something similar. But the scans didn't reveal anything out of the ordinary, so doctors concluded Hamlin had been experiencing a deep muscle strain.

Once again, things got worse.

On Nov. 8, the day of Iowa's exhibition game against Washburn, Hamlin's lower right leg had turned a vastly different color from her left leg. It now had a strong, reddish tint.

To learn what was wrong, Hamlin went to the emergency room around noon that day.

"Good thing I did," she said.

Put through blood tests and an ultrasound, doctors found a severe blood clot extending from Hamlin's upper right leg to her right calf.

She was admitted to a regular hospital room for two nights. A couple days later, she was given the option to enter intensive care and undergo a serious treatment that would see two tubes placed in her leg to disperse enzymes that would help dissolve the clot.

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Sprinter going places

Freshman sprinter Raven Moore shows signs of success early in her Iowa career.

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Most prospective recruits might consider the Iowa track and field team's last-place Big Ten finish in the spring of 2009 a deterrent.

But freshman sprinter Raven Moore chose to run at Iowa because of it.

"Iowa's last-place finish made me want to come in and help the team," she said. "I wanted to be different, and I didn't want to go to the places where all the good people go. I wanted to start something new at a new place and let Iowa be known."

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Iowa freshman sprinter Raven Moore stands in her Hillcrest dorm room on Monday. Moore, a native of Atlanta, won a state title in the 100- and 200-meter her freshman and sophomore years of high school. As a prep, she was recruited by several schools but opted to attend Iowa.

Iowa men's swimming on the rise

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Entering the halfway point of the season, the Iowa men's swimming and diving team has concluded clearer waters must lie ahead.

The Hawkeyes have had a quietly impressive start to their journey to the Big Ten and NCAA championships in the spring.

Failing to make a strong impression on the national scene in recent years, the team did so recently by placing fourth in the Short Course National Championships earlier this month.

Sophomore Duncan Partridge, who said the team has had a successful start to the season and the

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