UI panel votes ‘no’ on regents

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 63-2 vote adopting the resolution, Regent President Michael Gartner — one of the primary targets of the action — and the move will have no effect on his handling of board matters. “I’m sorry that the Faculty Senate had no confidence in us, but that’s life,” he told The Daily Iowan on Tuesday. “Don’t have a lot of confidence in some of them, frankly.”

By Ben Fornell
The Daily Iowan

Malfeasance — usually defined as misbehavior, especially when committed in an office — has become the buzzword surrounding a committee push to remove members of the Iowa Board of Regents.

The UI Faculty Senate members decided Tuesday that they have “no confidence” in the regents’ leadership. But the pronouncement has no power, in and of itself.

UI leaders who believe that a failed presidential search — coupled with allegations of regent mismanagement — provide grounds for the removal of board members can only hope their actions 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 sessions, can 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.

Vilsack will not run for another term and the second week of January are the only dates the Iowa Code states that the governor can act.

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.

Governing the state’s higher education system are seven regents. But only one of them, David Eisler, is an Iowan. The rest are appointed representatives from neighboring states.

The UI Faculty Senate decided Tuesday that Eisler is the member who should be removed for malfeasance. Eisler is Iowa’s lone representative on the seven-member board.

He is the only regent from Iowa who serves at the pleasure of the governor, and he is the only regent who is not a lawyer. The other six were appointed by the Iowa Legislature.

Vilsack has been a frequent target of the left wing of the faculty. Thirty students and faculty members formed the Iowa Institute for Legislative Action last year as a response to the governor’s proposed higher education budget cuts.

The governor said he will not change the state’s higher education funding model when he returns to the statehouse this month.

Vilsack’s response to the Faculty Senate, a body whose members are immediately elected by the student body and are responsible for representing student interests, was: “I thought they’d be unimpressed.”

The Faculty Senate resolution came after weeks of discussion. Faculty Senate leaders announced plans for the resolution last month.

In recent weeks, Eisler has been the target of growing criticism among students.

The Faculty Senate resolution noted Eisler’s role in the firing of UI President Bruce Harreld. It also noted Eisler’s opposition to a new college of nursing that would have been housed at the Coral Ridge Mall.

The Faculty Senate resolution was referred to the Board on Higher Education.

Eisler could not be reached for comment.

By Margaret Poe
The Daily Iowan

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OFFICIALS GIVE SALON WARNING

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Police probe credit-card fraud

Iowa City police are investigating a credit-card fraud case with local security cameras capturing a man regularly shopping and skipping out on a business.

Officials said they first learned of the illegal activity when an employee received a report from the police. In the suspect, she captured a stolen credit card to purchase two items from a local business.

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Chase Willis McCullough, 20, 724 National Ave., was charged Dec. 7 with first-degree theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

Brian Brownlow, 41, address unknown, was charged Dec. 4 with second-degree theft.

Michael Haughton, 27, 608 11th St., was arrested Dec. 5 on a warrant for a violation of community control.

Travis Trahan, 20, 002 College Dr. Apt. 64, was charged Tuesday with possession of burglary tools.

Police said they seized 19 beer bottles containing an estimated 146 ounces of alcohol in a vehicle and DVC.
The Coralville salon threatened customer safety by ignoring proper nail care and sanding rings, applying products with expired dates, and using unlicensed persons — which the FDA has deemed unsafe for human use. Safety and health officials have issued citations to both the salon and the business is clean and all equipment appears to be in order, said Peckumn.

She said. “We’re very glad to see that the licenses of both the salon and the business are clean and all equipment appears to be in order.”

As soon as she heard that the special funding enabled the investigations, more guidelines and new state guidelines were written to be used in the future.

COUNCIL
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The motion — previously posted after faculty, staff, and student concerns over the safety of the nail salons — was proposed by University of Iowa students, Jennifer Ekblad and Kevin Hagan.

That revelation came after the four finalists originally chosen by the UI presidential-search committee were turned down by the regents on Nov. 17, then re-evaluated in response to the students’ concerns.

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“As a matter of fact, he expressed the opinion that a no-confidence vote would be an appropriate way for faculty and staff to express their concerns about (regents’) 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 honestly communicating with the University of Notre Dame to analyze the elements of the change. After a year or over weeks and hours spent on the final project, he finally met with Gartner in June. “He’s dedicated,” said Diane Ramirez, a former friend of Behanish and a UI graduate student in geology. “He’s one of those people who walks on water and gets it done right.”

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The world is full of shades of gray, Michael Schiffer, a fellow at the UI Center for Asian and Global Studies and a researcher Tuesday that North Korea’s nuclear proliferation program represents one of those ambiguous situations. Over the years, policy scholars, Schiffer argues, have been keen to draw black lines around the issue. But the recent dilution of its nuclear program is a case in which the country has created and tested nuclear weapons but seemed to end its testing activities, which is why the country can no longer deal away the program, Schiffer said.

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FACTS ABOUT SUDDEN SNIFFING DEATH SYNDROME

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UI not seeing inhalant abuse

Anti-drug programs are trying to get the word out to high schools to warn about the dangers of inhalants. Inhalant abuse is the deliberate inhalation of volatile substances, often inhaled to get high. Inhalants are commonly abused by adolescents, the most commonly abused inhalants are glue, paint thinners, and hair spray — all of which can result from the abuse of inhalants, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse and Health reports that, though adults also abuse inhalants, the highest concentrations of adults are among youth. Data from the study suggested that inhalant abuse reached its peak between the ages of 12 and 14.

Larson said inhalants are extremely dangerous because the chemicals travel directly to the brain and, adding that a significant dose can be deadly — even after one “hit.”

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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.

The change—which will affect next year's freshmen 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.

The increase of math and science classes followed new laws and new laws that require three years of each subject, board member Jim Behle said.

The program is in response to the extra credits needed in science and math right now. The number of extra credits needed is 30 from 102 to 87 to make up for the other, he said.

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

Electronic 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 284, 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 homeschooled 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 Pati Fields said.

Board President Toni Clikk said it would be "nice to have students to stay in our district."

The program is expected to cost roughly $60,000 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 North Junior High School in Coralville.

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

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Immigration agents raid Marshalltown plant

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP) — Federal immigration agents called 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 we can tell you is that special agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement executed a del search warrant this morning at the Swift & Company facility in Marshalltown," said Gail Montenegro, an Immigration spokesman.

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.
Iowa City-Cedar Rapids train service a viable option

Roadway pollution and highway congestion are not images normally associated with the serene countryside of Iowa. A legislative proposal to extend an already plans to incorporate commuter rail service between Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Coralville could begin the process of realizing this goal. A commuter rail network is one way to solve the problem of traffic jams in our area.

A commuter rail network would not only provide a more practical solution to traffic problems, but it would also be a safe and healthy option for commuters. The benefits of a commuter rail network are numerous and would include reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, and increased mobility. In addition, a commuter rail network would likely have a positive economic impact on the area, creating jobs and stimulating the local economy.

The proposal for a commuter rail network between Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Coralville is a step in the right direction towards achieving a more sustainable and environmentally friendly transportation system. With the support of our elected officials and the community, we can work towards making this vision a reality.
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.

**COMMENTARY **

**YEAR IN REVIEW**

The resident DI smart alecs sound off on a rather lukewarm 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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Suicide bomber kills at least 70 in Baghdad

BY KIM GAMEL

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck a crowded street in western Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 70 people and wounding at least 230, police said.

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

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— Kara Pinjuv, Iowa women's gymnastics

BY BOBBY LOESCH

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

After her junior year, Pinjuv, a Linn, Iowa native, found out she had a serious shoulder fracture. The scaphoid, a wrist bone that's necessary for being able to hold, sidelined her for six weeks before she decided to have surgery.

"They told me it was from another part of my wrist and put it on the stress fracture," she said.

Sitting out the season was difficult for the sophomore, who besides being a gymnast since age 4 — never had a serious injury before.

"Most things are hard when you're around your friends, especially down low, defending offenses in the low post and on the perimeter. The two have shared a practice court on occasion — but for nothing 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 redshirt, Pinjuv wore a cast for four weeks. Later, with a splint, she worked with trainers to get the strength back in her wrist.

"She's too important for us to lose for the entire year ... She's too important for us to lose at all, but we are," Libby said.

At 6-4, 203 pounds, his 40-yard dash time a 4.83. That could be key to his future.

"It all depends on how high school, so I think I'll be a sophomore and junior year of high school, so I think I'll be a junior and senior year of high school, so I think I'll be a junior and senior year of high school," he said.

Heed coach Larissa Libby said Pinjuv rehabbed aggres- sively, much to the dismay of her training staff.

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Iowa football recruiting

BY ALEX JOHNSON

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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

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Jarett, Posluszny make AP All-Time
(AP) — Penn State linebacker Paul Jarett and Connecticut linebacker Paul Posluszny were named 2006 AP All-Time selections, becoming the first duo of a state in the AP's history to become a part of the selection.

Posluszny and Jarett were voted onto the team by the AP's 61 national selectors, the most votes ever received by a linebacker pair. Posluszny is the third Nittany Lion to be a part of the AP All-Time team, following Tony Casillas and Harry Gilmer.

Posluszny, a native of Macungie, Pa., and Jarett, a native of Charlotte, N.C., were selected to the team by 51 and 50 voters, respectively. Each of the players received the maximum 60 possible votes.

The players, both 24 years old, were selected in their senior seasons. Jarett, 6-1, 220, a sideline-to-sideback linebacker, had 91 solo tackles, 10 tackles for loss, 4 1/2 sacks and 24 passes broken up. Posluszny, 6-1, 250, a sideline-to-sideback linebacker, had 74 solo tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 1 1/2 sacks and 34 passes broken up.

Posluszny was named the AP's Defensive Player of the Year, and Jarett was the AP's Linebacker of the Year.

Posluszny became the first Penn State player to be a part of the AP's All-Time team since 1961, when Tony Casillas was named to the team.

The team also included 14 members from the Big Ten, 7 from the Southeastern Conference, 5 from the Big 12 and 1 each from the American, Atlantic Coast and Pacific-10 conferences.

Posluszny and Jarett were named the AP's U.S. Football Writers All-Time team.

The AP team was selected by the association's national media members.

— by Charlie Kautz

For the Texas Longhorns, the questions revolve around how the defense will respond to the threat of the quarterback, while for the Iowa Hawkeyes, the concern is whether the team will have a grading formula on its past mistakes to help keep things straight.

The question for the defense is: Who is the real Colt McCoy? Ten months ago, the nation was mesmerized by the quarterback who threw for 4,473 yards and 45 touchdowns. McCoy was named the Heisman Trophy runner-up, and he was regarded as one of the best quarterbacks to come out of Texas.

McCoy had a magical season, but he also had a few rough patches. He finished with a 6-rotation record for the Longhorns, and he was intercepted 16 times in his final 11 games. Nobody is better at throwing the ball in the pocket than McCoy, but he is also prone to throwing interceptions.

The question for the offense is: Who is the real Drew Tate? The senior quarterback has been the most consistent performer for this team, and he has led the Hawkeyes to a 12-1 record this season.

Tate has thrown for 1,940 yards and 20 touchdowns, and he has completed 14 of 26 passes for 198 yards and 2 touchdowns.

The question for the defense is: Who is the real Charles Godfrey? The cornerback has been the most consistent performer for this team, and he has led the Hawkeyes to a 12-1 record this season.

Godfrey has recorded 72 tackles, 5 interceptions and 2 forced fumbles.

The question for the offense is: Who is the real LaMarr Woodley? The defensive end has been the most consistent performer for this team, and he has led the Hawkeyes to a 12-1 record this season.

Woodley has recorded 92 tackles, 14 sacks and 2 forced fumbles.

The question for the defense is: Who is the real Leon McFarland? The defensive tackle has been the most consistent performer for this team, and he has led the Hawkeyes to a 12-1 record this season.

McFarland has recorded 70 tackles, 4 sacks and 2 forced fumbles.

The question for the offense is: Who is the real Andy Brodell? The running back has been the most consistent performer for this team, and he has led the Hawkeyes to a 12-1 record this season.

Brodell has recorded 917 yards and 7 touchdowns.

The question for the defense is: Who is the real Shane Conlan? The defensive end has been the most consistent performer for this team, and he has led the Hawkeyes to a 12-1 record this season.

Conlan has recorded 80 tackles, 15 sacks and 2 forced fumbles.

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SPORTS

Gymnast returns

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

Setting out to make real how much I do love gymnastics.

Hawks look for low-post presence

I got to see Erik Hansen and Greg Brunner play. They really helped out the program a lot. They were the foundation of the program. By them talking to me and telling me what I need to do, I really focused, got my intensity up to 11 all game.

End of the year is near, but doubts linger

I think it’s the best setting for me, because I think I fit in well with the team. . .

--- Zach Furtado, Iowa football recruit

--- Fred Furtado, Iowa football recruit

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If you can’t make it to Texas for the best game, experience the game, pregame and events with stories, photos, and videos from the DI.

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Updates from Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O’Keefe

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Hawkeye visit Southland

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• Updates from Iowa offensive coordinator smart Parker
• Updates 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 videos

POSTGAME COVERAGE
• Game story posted immediately after the conclusion of the game
• Updated story with quotes and postgame reaction, with action photos an hour and a half after the game
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JASON BRUMMOND

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

If the backup McCoy starts for the other.

Iowa — Texas, Iowa needs to show up.

Best Lone Star return for Hawkeyes?

Iowa State — Go Big Ten.

Undefeated — I don’t see any losses.

JASON BRUMMOND

DAN PARR

Texas 28, Iowa 17 — Until August.

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

Iowa State — Turns back our strengths.

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

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

Tate — Disappointing season shouldn’t diminish accomplishments.

Tate — Just for one game, though.

Push — Basketball could struggle to find five conference wins.

Men’s hoops — Cool question, but not real cost. Yes,Trying to make more with Abbott?

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

Tate — Leaves him.

Ohio State — Go Big Ten.

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

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

Undeleted — I don’t see any losses.

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Iowa 37, Texas 34

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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 lounge, 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.”

Iowans missed Iowa’s last five games after undergoing shoulder surgery The junior from Arlington, Texas, had 11 tackles for loss and five sacks in seven games.

Tate missed two games with injuries during the regular season, while the senior’s suspension — talented Texas freshman Colt McCoy — suffered a broken arm in one of the Longhorns’ last two games. Both gun- slaves rank among the most prolific quarterbacks in Texas prep history.

McCoy finished his career second all-time in Texas high school history with 116 touchdowns passes, with Tate close behind, with 111. Tate ranks second in the state’s all-time list with 12,160 passing yards. McCoy tallied 9,344 yards.

McCoy was carted off the field in Texas’ 20-7 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 Mc coy, unrelenting to the freshmen. Former backup Jarren Street 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.

Ferentz wants to send Iowa’s 18 seniors out on a winning note, simulta- neously jump-starting the 2007 cam- paign.

“If you look back at the teams that have won the last couple games here, they have gone on to do great things,” the eighth-year coach said. “Most importantly, you want to win it for this year.”

Brown is disappointed about consec- utive losses to end the year, but he said his team is excited about playing only 60 miles away from its Austin campus.

“We obviously didn’t finish the sea- son as we wanted to, but if you’re not playing in the BCS, you need to play some place that wants you,” he said. “If you can play a really good team that you have great respect for in front of a full house on ESPN, if you’re not going to be in the BCS, it doesn’t get any bet- ter than that.”

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HAWKES HOPING FOR ALAMO STAND

Iowa’s Kenny Iowa defensive end Duane Dachl while trying catch Buckeye quarterback Troy Smith on Sept. 24, 2005, in Columbus.
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- Chick-A-Hawk Bowl: Georgia vs. Virginia Tech
- Holiday Bowl: Cal vs. Texas A&M

**TYSON SMITH SPORTS EDITOR (D4)**
- Texas – Pride keeps it close, but too many question marks.
- Ohio St. – South is more than anyone I’ve ever seen.
- Michigan – Could be the best game.
- LSU – Russell out-plays Quinn.
- Louisville – Could stop Georgia’s 14-game winning streak.
- Oklahoma – No Blue for you!
- Arkansas – Big Ten going 0-3 and now No. 13.
- Auburn – Big Red tales short.
- Tennessee – Why would Jevan Smith or Chucky Norris?
- Georgia – How is this Georgia team? Are they actually good?
- Texas A&M – Enjoy the Thanksgiving day show.
- UCLA – Pac 10 front runners.

**JASON DRIVER SPORTS REPORTER (D2)**
- Texas – Talk not good enough in Lone Star return.
- Florida – Pressure national champ pick is one shut away.
- Michigan – Would beat Ohio State in neutral field.
- Louisville – Inconsistent Wali not ready for big game.
- Oklahoma – This is the other one (see above).
- Arkansas – After tough SEC, Wisconsin seems like cake.
- W. Virginia – White out so much for average ACC.
- Auburn – Only rivalry to keep Florida and BCS in care.
- Tennessee – JoePa’s return to sideline is a huge loss.
- Va. Tech – A final shot-out in a story to watch.
- Texas A&M – Fat back success three touchdowns.
- Cal – Again, who will be out of these games?”

**JON PEAR SPORTS REPORTER (D3)**
- Iowa – Homer Simpson says, DON’T.
- Ohio State – In a word, Trenton.
- Michigan – The Trojan break.
- Louisville – The BCS is way better than a playoff.
- Oklahoma – Boss is Boise.
- Arkansas – Big McFadden added to McDonald’s menu.
- West Virginia – Tech won.
- Auburn – C’bri can’t.
- Penn St. – JoePa wears his hat.
- Va. Tech – What has the Hokie-Poke curse? Right and left.
- Cal – Again, who will be out of these games?

**BEAR ELIOTT SPORTS COLUMNIST (D3)**
- Iowa – We Irish are loyal, Dumb, but loyal.
- Florida – Full of Troy.
- Michigan – Fall of Troy, the sequel.
- Louisville – Can’t see the forest for the Cardinals.
- Ohio State – In a word, Trenton. Ears on as great white hope.
- Michigan – Should be in a national championship rematch.

**CHARLIE MURTH SPORTS COLUMNIST**
- Iowa – Note to AH: Please show up once.
- Florida – ‘Til the Gators take the National Championship.
- Michigan – Should be in a national championship rematch.
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**HOMEWARD BOUND**

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

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

Iowa State’s Walter NIchols rushes for 10 yards before being brought down by Hawkeye Charles Godfrey on Sept. 16 in Kinnick Stadium.
Looking at a Longhorn afternoon

BY IAN SMITH

Iowa Quarterbacks and Receivers vs. Texas Secondary: Baytown, Texas, native Drew Tate should be healthy at the first time this year when the Hawkeyes return to home state for the battle with the Longhorns. The senior threw for 18 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.

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

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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 mildly pulled ankle. The redshirt freshman did a tremendous job filling in for injured Vince Young throwing for 27 touchdowns and 2,682 yards. A shaky Iowa secondary will have to handle him.

The Longhorns feature one of the most talented receivers in the country in Limas Sweed. The 6-6, 219-pound Sweed immediately presents matchup problems for the Iowa defense. Iowa senior Jeff Tisler established this year, and it wouldn’t be surprising if the pair got a couple more against the Hawkeyes.

The Iowa secondary’s hard work making the big play throughout the season. They gave up 200 yards or more through the air in five games and six touchdowns. Dropping Tate back to pass 10-plus times is not something the Hawkeyes want to do, but it may be the only choice.

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Iowa Running Backs vs. Texas Defensive Line/Linebackers:
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Ohio State vs. Florida
BCS Championship, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m., Fox
Feeding off his Heisman Trophy win, Ohio State (12-2) 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 face a Florida (12-1) team that is much better physically defending the run than the pass. The Gators’ wide-open passing attack will be something new for Ohio State — if it hasn’t faced an offensive line 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 come out the other — should it be too late 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 (12-2) is in for a long afternoon in Pasadena. Michigan has the weapons of offense, none more impressive than running back Mike Hart, but its defense will be the key to a win. The Wolverines stymied the opposition all season long, and they were eighth in total defense, giving up just 1.46 points per game. Defensive end/inside linebacker LaMarr Woodley will give Trojan quarterback John David Booty fits, and he will be forced to throw without much 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 Cullen McDermid during the regular season, you will see plenty of him early on New Year’s Day. The 19-year-old sophomore ran for 1,058 yards, averaged almost six yards per carry, and piled up 14 rushing touchdowns this season. Arkansas (11-1) 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. Staid is a strong ground attack and a sturdy defense. For the Badgers, freshman running back P.J. Hill is a converted linebacker, is the primary focus on offense. He carried the ball 39 more times than McDermid and finished with 1,563 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns.

PREDICTION: Arkansas 40, Wisconsin 20

BIG TEN WEEKEND PLANNER

BY DAN PARR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa vs. Texas
Alamo Bowl, Dec. 30, 6:30 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 highly favored to win, based on its talent level, but it also had a complaint in Iowa (6-6). Longhorn freshman quarterback Colt McCoy is setting a blazing pace in his new, and his status for this 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 is hard to see Purdue (6-6) ending the year with a win over Maryland (8-4) — the Boilermakers have yet to beat a team with a winning record. They only hope that Maryland continues to struggle on offense. Though Purdue’s 27th-ranked offense did as big as the year progressed, Maryland failed to score more than three in its final two games. If the Temple 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
Texas will confront a balanced offensive attack against a liquidated one in Temple, Ariz. Minnesota (6-6) enters with the 39th-ranked offense and 40th-ranked passing defense in the nation. Texas Tech will bring the No. 3 aerial attack and a run offense that stands 12th in the nation and 15th in Dallas. This will be a showdown of the opening gun to the final buzzer; both defenses have trouble stopping schems. A real tough pick, but if the Gophers can get the clock with their running game they could sneak out with a win.

PREDICTION: Minnesota 42, Texas Tech 38

Michigan quarterback Chad Henne struggles to get to the ball before Matt Kroul sacks him on Oct. 21 in Ann Arbor.

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