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IOWA CITY'S MORNING NEWSPAPER

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Proposition 1 passes; school will be built 4 other institutions to gain renovations

William Pepper
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa City School District won a partial victory Tuesday with the successful passage of the \$7.9 million component of a \$12.6 million bond issue package.

A record turnout of 13,127 voters approved Proposition 1 of the referendum with a 64.35 percent vote. This will allow the district to issue bonds worth \$7.9 million to fund the construction of a new elementary school in southwest Iowa City, and make classroom additions and renovations at City High, Northwest Junior High, South East Junior High and Grant Wood Elementary.

Proposition 2, which requested an additional \$4.7 million to construct an auditorium at West High, a new cafeteria at City High, and band and orchestra room renovations at City High, failed with a 56.78 percent vote.

Iowa law requires a 60 percent majority for passage of bond issues. "The children clearly won," Superintendent Barbara Grohe said. "Those classrooms are absolutely critical."

Bond Committee Co-chairwoman Kathy Moyers said she would like to have seen both propositions pass, but added that the failure of Proposition 2 "gives a clear direction to the board" about where the voters want their tax dollars to go.

"We feel jubilant and sad at the same time," she said. "We're very pleased Proposition 1 will go ahead as it is."

The \$7.9 million in bonds will be financed over a 10 year period at an estimated cost to property owners of 55 cents per \$1,000 of property valuation, according to recommendations by Evensen Dodge Financial Consultants.

Grohe said the school board was disappointed that both propositions didn't pass, but is excited about the new school and will begin considering what to do about the Proposition 2 projects after the winter break.

"We're going to keep those other projects in front of us," she said.

Moyers added the board will probably examine the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy funds, as well as state funding sources, to try to set priorities for addressing those

projects that were defeated.

This referendum was the third put before voters in the past 14 months, and Proposition 2 followed the trend of falling short by a narrow margin. An \$11.1 million bond issue in October 1991 received a 52 percent vote, while a \$7.9 million bond issue in May was defeated with a 58 percent vote.

"Actually, what's been the most disappointing, is each time we've lost, we've lost with a substantial majority vote," Grohe said. "That's the real difficult for me."

Commissioner of Elections Tom Slockett said the 13,127 voters who turned out today represented 21 percent of the total registered voters, the largest amount ever to vote in a school election in Johnson County.

Grohe credited this to the hard work of hundreds of volunteers spanning all three referendum campaigns.

"I think it made all the difference in the world," she said.

The referendum also saw a record number of early voters. Nearly 4,000 voters cast their ballots prior to Tuesday. Slockett attributed this to the "crunch" of the holiday season and concerns about the weather.

However, Slockett added, 21 percent is still not a large overall turnout.

"There certainly is an irony in having a record turnout still only be 21 percent," he said.



David Guttenfelder/The Daily Iowan

Voters went to the polls Tuesday to decide on the Iowa City school bond referendum. This voter and her young helper cast their ballot at Horace Mann School.



Inside today's DI: The dorm burglar has struck again. Story Page 3A.

NewsBriefs

LOCAL

Old Capitol flag to fly at half-staff



The Old Capitol flag will be flown at half-staff today in memory of James Halstead, an employee of the UI Physical Plant who died recently.

IC Post Office to extend hours

Due to the holiday season, the Iowa City Post Office will extend its hours through Dec. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, and from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Coralville man fined for Field House incident

A Coralville man was fined Monday for hitting a person during a basketball game at the UI Field House.

Reginald Vaughn and the victim were playing basketball in the south gym of the Field House when Vaughn struck the victim twice in the head and advised the victim he would do it again, according to Johnson County District Court documents.

Vaughn was fined \$75 for simple assault.

Tiffin man charged with 2nd-degree sexual abuse

A Tiffin man has been charged with second-degree sexual abuse in connection with an encounter with a 12-year-old girl.

According to Johnson County court documents, the girl told police that in June, Leonard Vargason picked her up and carried her into the bedroom of his Clear Creek Trailer Court residence where he made her perform oral sex.

Vargason's preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 18 at the Johnson County Courthouse.

INTERNATIONAL

75 killed, hundreds missing after Bolivian avalanche

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — An avalanche of rain-soaked mud buried a gold mining camp in the Andean foothills Tuesday, killing at least 75 people. Hundreds of others were reported missing, said Red Cross and mining officials.

The landslide covered nearly all the residential camp of Llipi, about 80 miles north of La Paz, where about 1,200 miners, their families and other workers live.

At least 75 bodies were recovered by Tuesday evening and it was feared that hundreds of miners and their families were buried by the 700,000 cubic feet of mud.

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Associated Press

First arrivals

U.S. troops, surrounded by the media, assemble their gear after landing on a beach near the

Mogadishu, Somalia, airport early Wednesday. Story Page 8A.

REGENTS TO SEE PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK

Rawlings discusses improvement plan

Jon Yates
The Daily Iowan

Editor's note: Metro Editor Loren Keller and Assistant Metro Editor John P. Waterhouse also participated in the interview for this story.

All UI President Hunter Rawlings wants for Christmas is a couple of days off, and as the semester rolls to a close, it appears as though he may actually get them.

Tuesday wasn't one of those days. Commenting on topics ranging from his favorite scenes in "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" to next week's submission of the UI's Framework for Instructional Improvement Plan to the Iowa state Board of Regents, Rawlings took time Tuesday afternoon to reiterate the importance of each student in a large university like the UI and to offer some ideas on

how the UI will cope with some difficult issues in the future.

None of those issues may be more difficult to deal with than the plan for instructional improvement. With details of the plan to be submitted to the regents next

See related story Page 3A.

Wednesday in Ames, Rawlings said he expects some backlash from the proposal, but said he also hopes UI faculty members will not get the wrong idea from the plan.

"I know this is threatening to some faculty members and we don't want to be sending the wrong messages," he said. "For example, we don't want to be sending the message that our faculty doesn't work hard enough, because I think our faculty works extremely hard and is extremely successful in

many different ways. So that's not the message.

"The message is: Think very hard in departments about the programs you're offering and make sure your priorities are clearly set," he said. "I think there is some strong concern on the part of a fair number of faculty members, as there should be with any program of this scope."

Formation of the plan, which began in the spring and has evolved over the last few months, has drawn criticism from some faculty members who felt they were not properly consulted before the preliminary portions of the plan were drawn up. Rawlings said he does not believe that is the case.

"I think there's been a great deal of consultation with the faculty," he said. "The original group that

POWER RESTORED QUICKLY

Studiers not deterred by afternoon blackout

Mary Geraghty
and Brad Hahn
The Daily Iowan

The UI community was left in the dark Tuesday afternoon when the electricity went out in approximately 15 campus buildings.

"We think it was a cable fault which means we blew up a cable which caused us to lose power," said Jim Howard, associate director of the UI Physical Plant.

Power was out in the west-side dorms, Hancher and most of the east campus, he said.

Bill Sayre, coordinator for budgets and physical facilities for the University Libraries said, "We advised students that the emergency lights would only last for a short time."

Despite the power outage, many dedicated students remained in the library.

"I was trying to read with the light from the window," UI junior Missy

Worth said. "Everything stayed really quiet and everyone was holding their papers up so that they could read from the window light."

UI senior Mark Diehl was studying when the lights went out. "I went out and got food because nobody will hassle me about eating."

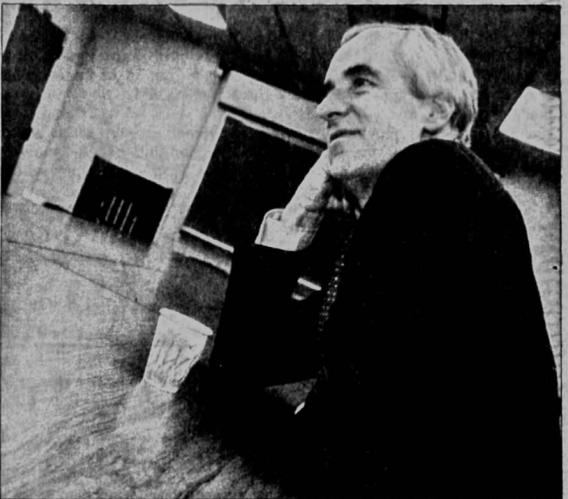
To prevent pilferage of library materials, library employees searched bags as people left.

After over an hour of sitting in the dark, the library closed at 4:10 p.m. It reopened when power was restored around 5:30 p.m.

The power outage also hit Weeg Computing Center. Power was restored in a couple of hours.

Weeg Associate Operations Manager Randy Reindel said strange things always seem to happen at this time of year.

"Something like this always happens. See OUTAGE, Page 8A



Carl Bonnett/The Daily Iowan

As part of a continuing series of monthly interviews with The Daily Iowan, UI President Hunter Rawlings answered questions and discussed issues currently affecting the university.

TICKETS GO ON SALE SATURDAY

Guns N' Roses to rock Carver-Hawkeye Arena at spring break '93

Tad Paulson
The Daily Iowan

Keep your black leather oiled up and your wrist-spikes sharpened, UI students, because somebody REALLY BIG is coming to dinner at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 20, 1993, and they're gonna blow your head apart.

It's AAAAAAAAAAAAAAXL and SLAAAAAAAAAASH!

Yes indeed, Guns N' Roses will send UI students off on spring break '93 with their ears ringing, in the band's only Iowa appearance on its Skin N' Bones tour. The concert will also feature opening act The Brian May Band.

The show is being presented by Jam Productions and the Student Commission for Programming Entertainment, and will be the second major concert at Carver-

Hawkeye since the Alabama show in October 1991. Heavy-metal gods Metallica will play the arena in January 1993.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. show will go on sale Saturday, Dec. 12, at 9 a.m. at the University Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets (including Yonkers in the Old Capitol Center.)

Tickets will cost \$22.50, plus outlet fees, and can be charged on most

major credit cards. There will be an eight-ticket-per-person limit on purchases. Students will not have the option of charging tickets to their U-bills.

Waiting in long lines for killer seats is a pain, but those brave enough to wait in the cold Saturday morning will have to shiver themselves warm until the doors of the Union open at 7. The doors will remain locked during the night.

Guns N' Roses is touring in support of its albums Use Your Illusion I and II, which have lingered on the top of musical charts all year, and have yielded such hits as "Yesterdays," "Don't Cry" and a cover of Wings' "Live and Let Die."

The group soared to national attention in the late '80s with its album Appetite for Destruction, which drew upon band members' See CONCERT, Page 8A

Features

FINDING THE PERFECT GREETING

Christmas cards cater to all tastes

Susan Kreimer
The Daily Iowan

Christmas means different things to different people. That was the saying imprinted on the card of Snoopy and Tweety Bird which UI graduate student Boryaun Twu bought at Osco Drug Tuesday afternoon for his cousin in Taiwan.

Boryaun, who plans to mail greeting cards for the New Year to friends, family and about five teachers in Taiwan, prefers to choose the right card for each special person in his life. Some card senders, however, favor boxes containing cards they can distribute to every person they want to wish a happy holiday.

The Greeting Card Association in New York City has projected that over 2.3 billion Christmas cards will be exchanged in the United States this year, according to Jamie Miles, consumer public relations representative.

Research conducted by Hallmark indicates that for the past two years the average American family has received 37 boxed cards and five individual Christmas cards, said Donna Garland, spokeswoman and marketing media relations coordinator for Hallmark Cards Inc. in Kansas City, Mo.

The total 21,000 Hallmark Cards Inc. retail outlets, which include drugstores, sections within department stores, college bookstores and military bases that sell the greet-

ing cards, now offer 3,400 different card designs, up from 3,200 last year, Garland said.

Despite the new additions which cater to different tastes, she said "Three Little Angels," a collection of 20 boxed cards currently priced at \$9.50, has been an all-time best seller for the past 15 years.

A larger quantity of boxed cards is exchanged during the holiday season, and "traditional-style cards," which picture a fireplace, Christmas trees or decorations, and Santa Claus are most popular, Garland said.

In purchasing a box of cards, she said people buy the design which "appeals to them and expresses their feelings," but when buying individual cards they tend to select the cards that best suit the receiver.

Some people also buy special cards for their hairdresser, teacher, and mail or paper carrier, to show their appreciation for a "special relationship," said Garland, adding, "You can find a humor card for that one friend that's zany."

Patty Allen, a UI postgraduate student, bought a special card for her boyfriend at the Hallmark shop in the Old Capitol Center Tuesday afternoon, because she didn't want to give him an ordinary greeting.

"It's to cheer him up. I just wanted to send something a little bit funnier and put a bright spot in his day," Allen said, referring to the card in her hands, which pokes fun



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Many people stay in touch with friends and family members by sending them a greeting card during the Christmas season.

at slipping on ice — something she often does.

"It's kind of an inside joke between the two of us," she said.

Allen said she plans to give boxed cards to her family and friends.

"It's easier and less expensive than standing here and picking out cards for everyone," she said.

UI sophomore Andrew Smothers said the cheaper price of boxed cards leads him to send those cards to friends and to a few relatives he doesn't keep in touch with during the year.

"Usually it's just a factor of time," Smothers said. "I just don't get around to it."

Garland said Christmas is sometimes the only time that people communicate during the year.

"Many people who have moved from their traditional homes think about the past and those memories during Christmas time," she said. "It's such a time of giving and sharing that you tend to want to include everyone that's special to you regardless of your religious affiliation."

EASING CUSTOMER STRESS

Post office speeds up holiday service

Jude Sunderbruch
The Daily Iowan

After years of being ridiculed as inefficient and overly bureaucratic, the U.S. Postal Service is trying to increase both its speed and the level of service it provides over the holiday season, according to local officials.

Jim Clingman, retail supervisor at the Iowa City Post Office, 400 S. Clinton St., said several changes have been made to improve service over the holidays this year, including a new "lobby director" and extended hours.

The post office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. each weekday, an extra two hours, and from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, an extra hour, he said.

According to Clingman, the role of the new lobby director is to greet customers and then help them prepare their packages while they wait in line. By helping patrons before they even get to the counter, things move a lot faster, he said.

Clingman said the new service,

which allows the lobby director to do just about everything but sell postage, was just approved for the Iowa City Post Office.

"It makes the lines a lot shorter and makes your visit to the post office a lot more pleasant," he said.

Lobby Director Kathy McCall said her job includes helping people with address blocks, express-mail forms, and even taping down the corners of that last-minute gift about to be mailed.

"The lines go fast because everything's done. All they have to do is hand it to the clerks and they're out the door," she said.

As the countdown to Christmas continues, Clingman said things will get even busier at the post office.

"Our busiest times tend to be on the two to three Mondays before Christmas," he said, adding that this year consumers seem to be procrastinating less in mailing cards and gifts.

"I think in general people are mailing earlier this year, which will mean they get better service,"

he said.

Tonneke vanderLinden, a Dutch citizen who has lived in Iowa City for several months, said the lobby director system and the ability to work on your packages at a central counter while standing in line is a good feature, one she hasn't seen in the Netherlands.

"I like this system. I think it is convenient not to stay in line so long," she said.

In general, though, post offices in Europe and the United States alike can be packed during the holiday rush, according to vanderLinden.

"It's just about the same. It's always busier in December," she said.

That holds true for private packaging companies as well, according to Ed Railsback, owner of Mail Boxes Etc., 221 E. Market St.

"People tend to be last-minute shippers so next week should be our busiest," he said. "This time of year, we're primarily involved in packaging and shipping gifts for individuals."

Railsback said consumers would



do well to remember to package their gifts carefully if they want them to arrive safely.

"My best advice would be to make sure that items are packaged properly," he said. "Don't use brown-wrap — use good corrugated boxes and label them correctly."

TOY IS SEASON'S BEST SELLER

'So ugly they're cute' trolls top kids' wish lists

Catherine Dressler
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Tarah Foster knows what she wants for Christmas, and it's not pretty. It's one of those wide-eyed, stumpy dolls with a big nose, big ears and colorful hair that stands straight up — a troll.

"They're neat because some of them are weird, but in a different way they're cute," said 11-year-old Tarah.

An ugly but endearing face and a modest price have made the troll a megastar in the toy world, where good looks obviously aren't everything.

Toy watchers say nostalgia did for the troll what movies and television cartoons do for toys like Batman and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Trolls were introduced to the United States around 1960, and were playthings for children who are parents today.

In her bedroom in the Pittsburgh

suburb of Plum, Tarah has about 60 trolls, some of them attached to earrings and hair bands. Her mother, Maria, 36, had a few trolls herself as a child.

Retail sales of trolls and troll paraphernalia could reach about \$700 million this year, toy analysts estimate. They were the top-selling

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Tarah Foster, troll lover

toy in the United States this year, said the trade magazine *Playthings*.

Many trolls sell for under \$10, which means parents can keep their children happy and stay within their budgets.

Trolls have changed along with the times. Thirty years ago, their

clothes were simple felt tunics or loin cloths. Today's trolls come in all shapes and sizes with a variety of costumes and accessories.

At the Fun Services gift shop in Monroeville, the shelves are filled with trolls ranging from 1 inch to 2 feet tall and accessories such as key chains, magnets, jewelry and

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slippers.

Trolls come in all ages, making them popular with grown-ups, too. There are baby trolls in diapers, teen-agers with boom boxes, middle-aged trolls with graying hair and even elderly trolls.

Trolls also are outfitted for every sport, nationality and occupation,

including the priesthood. There's even a male dancer troll with tiny briefs and a tie.

Trolls got their start in Scandinavia where for centuries they were depicted as wart-nosed, supernatural cave-dwellers in folklore. Danish artist Thomas Dam carved a friendly looking troll for his daughter in the 1950s and eventually began manufacturing them. In the United States in the early 1960s, they became a fad that soon faded.

Homely dolls have won children's hearts before. Remember the Cabbage Patch Kids dolls, which coined the phrase "they're so ugly they're cute?"

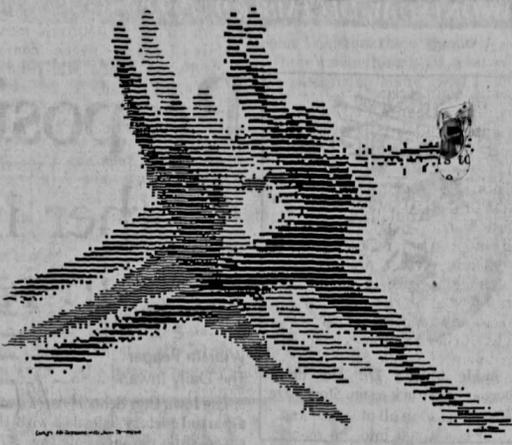
Shawna Weyant, 34, and her 6-year-old niece, Brittany Grubbs, both of North Huntingdon, share a love of trolls.

"I collect trolls," Weyant said. "My friends torture me."

Brittany is especially taken by the troll's belly button. "I have an outie, and they do, too," she said.

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5 more rooms hit by residence-hall burglar

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Another night of crime has left five more UI residence-hall rooms burglarized and students across campus fearful for their belongings.

Almost 20 rooms have been entered in the last week, including the five Monday night, and Public Safety officials say residents could prevent any further problems by simply making sure to keep their doors locked at all times.

"These are opportunist thefts," said Lt. Richard Gordon of the UI Department of Public Safety. Gordon described the burglaries as consistent.

"The rooms were all unlocked and the subject walked into the rooms and took wallets," Gordon said, adding that a few other objects have turned up missing too.

Gordon explained that the most recent burglaries have occurred in Burge, Daum and Currier halls during the time when many students are waking up and going to the showers leaving behind unlocked doors.

"The burglar knows that is when

students are getting up and temporarily leaving their doors unlocked and that's when he's hitting," Gordon said.

Public safety has been compiling reports on the incidents and putting together a description of the individual or individuals responsible for the crimes.



"The general description is a black male about 5-foot-11 or 6 feet tall," Gordon said.

The suspect is also described as weighing about 200 pounds and having a stocky build along with

very short, almost bald, black hair. Gordon added that the suspect was seen wearing a long green windbreaker or parka and carrying a shopping bag.

He said that it was still possible that more than one person could be responsible.

Residents who have noticed missing objects say they regret leaving their doors unlocked.

"I almost always lock my door," said Jason Heidemann, a Burge Hall resident who explained he had been up late studying when he fell asleep leaving his door unlocked.

"When I woke up my wallet was gone," Heidemann said.

Brian Wadel, a Burge Hall resident, was lucky enough to wake up when his door was opened by a stranger early Thursday morning.

"He said, 'Sorry, wrong room,' and left," Wadel said and added he didn't really think about it at the time.

Other residents say they have become nervous about the fact that burglars are wandering the halls.

"Everybody I know is terrified," said Mike Murphy, a Mayflower Hall resident. "People are starting to lock their doors."

In addition to a missing camcorder valued at nearly \$1,200, Public Safety records indicate around \$400 has been stolen so far, mostly in cash from wallets.

"People should be checking wastebaskets in the immediate area for wallets," Gordon said.

"They will most likely lose all the cash," Gordon said.

"But they might be able to recover their photographs and other personal things."

Gordon said that anyone losing their wallet should be reminded to cancel their credit cards and to contact the UI Registrar's Office to stop any university charges.

"Anybody looking suspicious should be reported," said Gordon. He also reiterated that residents should lock their doors any time they leave the room.

"They should lock the door even if they go to the bathroom or just down the hall to visit a friend," Gordon said.

Anyone with more information about the burglaries or descriptions of suspects is encouraged to call the Public Safety office at 335-5022.

DI's 'Ask the President' gets Rawlings' attention

The Daily Iowan

We asked you. You asked us. We asked him. And he answered all of us. (You get the idea.)

The following questions asked of UI President Hunter Rawlings Tuesday were a few of those gathered in response to *The Daily Iowan's* first-ever "Ask the President" contest.

I'm a graduate student who isn't eligible for student aid and I have to work 30 hours a week to make ends meet. I can pay my U-bills, but invariably I end up having to pay them late toward the end of the semester. That means I have to register late, which means I can't get into some of the classes I need. Why does the UI have a policy that penalizes people who don't pay their U-bills by not allowing them to register for next semester? — Joe Monahan, UI graduate student.

Rawlings: First of all, let me say I sympathize with you because these are very difficult times for graduate students. We are not able to offer nearly as much support for graduate students as we would like. One of the highest priorities of the government and Legislature this year is more support for graduate students, especially those who are on teaching or research appointments. We would like to be able to have most, if not all of their tuition paid.

As far as why you're delayed if you don't pay your U-bill, that's a simple matter of running any large organization. We need to run it on as responsible a basis as possible. The only way sometimes to create an incentive to pay, unfortunately, is to say that you need to pay before you register.

The UI's student health insurance policy seems to be designed for 18-year-olds who can pump iron, which is fine for that type of student, but it leaves out

anyone with a chronic illness, such as myself. I realize that adequate health coverage is a national problem, but I don't think it's fair that I may have to give up my dream of getting a doctorate degree at the UI because of soaring health costs and an inadequate student-health policy. Do you think the university could provide something for students with disabilities or chronic illness? — Doris Jean Sheriff, UI doctoral student.

Rawlings: Again, I'm sympathetic because health-care costs are making life very difficult not only for students, but for institutions like this one. We're going to be looking at opportunities to save some of those costs by examining some possibilities such as an HMO, or Health Maintenance Organization, at the UI.

Secondly, we're very much concerned generally about our students' ability to pay health-care costs because it's one of the hardest things in the world for young people to do. We've recently raised the student health fee because that service was being mostly supported through the university.

But we simply cannot meet all the health costs that all of our students have. It's too tall an order so we're doing the best we can, as are other institutions, under very difficult circumstances.

What is your reaction to the unionization of teaching assistants at the University of California? — Terry Conley, UI graduate student

Rawlings: I think it's unfortunate that things have come to such a pass in the California system that graduate students have felt the need to organize.

What do you want for Christmas? — Cliff Tanega, UI freshman.

Rawlings: (Long pause.) I guess a couple of days off.

Meningitis scare generates outbreak of false alarms

Chris Pothoven
The Daily Iowan

While only two UI students have contracted meningitis and the majority of the student population was vaccinated last week, there have been some false alarms and worries about the disease.

Although there have not been an extraordinary number of students reporting possible meningitis symptoms, Student Health has seen several who are concerned about getting the disease, said Dr. Mary Khowassah, director of the UI Student Health Services.

"Some just came in because of a sore neck or a headache. Most have had respiratory infections or the flu," she said. "Most of them have

just been legitimate concerns, and that's good. We want students to be concerned with a disease this serious."

Eadie Weaver, director for community relations at Mercy Hospital, said the hospital has received numerous calls about the disease, while about five people have come to the emergency room to be checked for meningitis.

None of those five actually had the disease, she said.

Symptoms of meningitis include headaches, a stiff neck, fever, vomiting, confusion or a rash.

Most of the symptoms have turned out to simply be respiratory infections, Khowassah said.

"Mostly the students are just taking precautions against the dis-

ease," she said. "I don't think there's really been any panic."

UI senior Mike Colton said after noticing some symptoms of meningitis, he mentioned to friends that he might have it.

"I just had a big headache and a sore neck, so I was just joking about getting it," he said. "It was right after I got my shot, so I was kind of pissed."

Although UI junior Christy Steinman knows some people who have been scared they will get the disease from her because an allergy to thimerosal prevented her from getting the vaccination, she was not concerned about her own health.

"I really haven't worried about it all, and I didn't even get the shot,"

she said. "I've heard rumors about people who have gotten it, but I doubt that most of them are true."

According to George Droll, director of UI residence services, the residence halls have not seen a great number of false alarms about the disease.

He said the information provided to students and their parents and posted in the residence halls has helped to reduce worries and rumors about the outbreak.

"I think the pro-active approach taken by the university cut through the rumor mill very effectively," Droll said.

The vaccination program also helped allay concerns about getting meningitis, he said.

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FOOD STORES

Missouri students ask curators to ban ROTC from campus

A proposed anti-discrimination policy would remove the ROTC from the University of Missouri campus.

Lynn M. Tefft
The Daily Iowan

Although the ban on homosexuals in the military became a hot topic during the 1992 presidential election, it has been a long-standing concern at colleges that

allow the U.S. Department of Defense to operate the Reserve Officer Training Corps on their campuses.

Most recently the University of Missouri at Columbia Student Association and a gay, lesbian and bisexual alliance at the school have asked the UM Board of Curators to adopt an anti-discrimination policy that would remove the ROTC from the UM campuses. Proponents of the policy say the ROTC discriminates against homosexuals and therefore should not be a part of the university.

UI University Relations Director Joanne Fritz said the ROTC class offerings at the

"We do not discriminate against anyone..."

Capt. Carl Thomas, UI military science professor

UI are not a violation of the UI human rights policy as long as the classes are open to all students.

"We concur with the position of the National Organization of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges on this," she said.

Capt. Carl Thomas, assistant professor of military science at the UI, said Army ROTC at the UI abides by the rules.

"We do not discriminate against anyone who wants to take our classes," he said.

Thomas said the stipulation on sexual orientation is applicable only to students who are commissioned by the military and are subject to Department of Defense rules. He said nearly half the students who take the military science classes are not involved in ROTC.

Terry Boksan, chief of media relations at the Air Force ROTC National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base in Mont-

gomery, Ala., said in the ROTC's functions outside the university, the Department of Defense guidelines supercede university policy.

Granting ROTC permission to stay on campus, however, doesn't mean the UI agrees with the military's guidelines, Fritz said.

"Fundamentally, the UI disagrees with the Department of Defense's policy and is working with others to get it changed," she said.

The UM Board of Curators will vote on the proposed Missouri policy sometime this month.

REPORT ALSO DETAILS LENGTH OF STAY

Charges at Iowa hospitals compared

Susan Kreimer
The Daily Iowan

A report released Nov. 30 by the Iowa Health Data Commission compares the charges and lengths of stay among hospitals in the state according to their size for the 25 most common causes of hospitalization in Iowa during 1991.

The report does not attempt to explain the possible reasons, which include patient age and severity of illness, for the differences in cost and length of stay.

Hospitals were placed in one of three peer groups. Hospitals equipped with one to 100 beds are considered small; 101 to 299 beds, medium; and 300 or more beds, large.

"The report is along the line of benchmarking," said Jeff Petrie, executive director of Health Management Information Center, the contractor for the Iowa Health Data Commission. "It tends to be used by a hospital to compare itself to peers over several years."

"If there's a substantial variation over a period of time in either cost change or length of stay, the hospital will begin to investigate the source of the problem," Petrie said.

Hospitals such as the UI Hospitals

and Clinics, which provide the most complicated procedures and treat unusual illnesses, charge more for services, he said.

Charges, Petrie said, are also augmented by programs for resident physicians.

"Academic and medical facilities will have higher costs because of their educational role and function," he said.

Dean Borg, director of public information for the UI Hospitals and Clinics, agreed that specialized residency training programs as well as 35 different programs for 2,000 undergraduate students contribute to higher charges. Borg, however, said the comprehensive services are "by far responsible for the higher costs."

"We're not like any other Iowa hospital," he said. "We're receiving patients from other hospitals, patients who require the kind of comprehensive care that can only be provided here."

Borg cited a yearly poll conducted by U.S. News and World Report, which for the last two years has

rated the UI Hospitals and Clinics among the top 50 hospitals in the nation. According to the survey of 1,000 physicians, the Department of Otolaryngology is the first in the nation while the Department of

Ophthalmology falls in the top five, Borg said.

Eddie Weaver, director of community relations at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, said patients seeking treatment would be doing themselves a disservice in selecting a hospital solely on the basis of the report released by the Iowa Health Data Commission because it classifies hospitals according to bed size, not services.

Weaver said Mercy, a medium-size hospital, is able to provide sophisticated procedures in specialty areas, including open-heart surgery and infant care.

"The kind of report always serves to educate people, but I don't think they can look at it as knowledge in itself," she said. "It's only one piece of a very large puzzle."

Weaver said that for the past two years Mercy Hospital's charges have increased by less than half of the national average. According to the report, the average charge per patient at Mercy Hospital during 1992 was \$5,958; the average length of stay, 6.6 days; and number of cases, 6,736.

For the UI Hospitals and Clinics, the overall average charge per patient was \$9,650; the average length of stay, 8.7 days; and the number of cases, 18,715.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETS

County departments' budgets deliberated

Victoria Forlini
The Daily Iowan

The bare-bones budgets for the almost 60 departments within Johnson County are coming in for negotiation and it looks like some are going to be cut even more.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors and county department heads started discussing the first budgets for fiscal year 1994 on Tuesday.

Recently, the Iowa Legislature passed a bill stating that for the next two years, counties and cities cannot tax at rates higher than what they are taxing now, which puts a squeeze on already tight funds.

"Is there anything you can take out of your budget?" was a familiar phrase heard at Tuesday's meeting. Supervisor Patricia Meade said it could get worse if shortfalls within departments are not solved.

"When they come in, we give them the option of cutting their own budget. If they don't do that, we have to do it," she said, adding that she would much rather see the department heads trimming their own budgets since they know them best.

The Johnson County Ambulance was one of the first departments to present a budget and there is already debate on what will be done to proposed expenses.

David Cole, ambulance director,

said that pay and benefits increases aside, there is only a slight increase in his department's budget.

One point of discussion was the possible replacement of one of the ambulances and whether it can be leased over several years.

One lingering uncertainty is that budgets being approved are actually just projections of what the department thinks will happen over the next year. A department may project a balanced budget at the beginning of the year but wind up with a surplus or a deficit.

Pay increases must be included in the proposed budgets to make expenditures more realistic, Meade said.



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Petitions are due no later than noon on January 27, 1993, at the University Box Office. Upon receipt of petition, a \$25 bond for Senators and \$100 bond for President and Vice-President is to be submitted at the UBO.

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The Foreign Journal

Student impressed with American hospitality

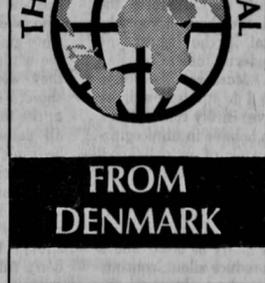
Karin Wahl-Jørgensen
Special to The Daily Iowan

They say that the first impressions are always the ones you remember, the ones that will last. When I came here three months ago, my first impression of Americans was very positive. I decided that they are the best kind and friendly people on earth. They constantly smile and say "excuse me" instead of just pushing you out of the way. They even take the time to be concerned with other people's well-being. I recall the first time I was asked "How are you?" I thought for a while before I answered. I knew that in Denmark a short answer to a question of that type will be considered offensive.

Although I was in a hurry, I decided to give a detailed account of my mental and physical condition. Before I had finished my honest, but somewhat clumsy story — my level of sophistication in English not being very high at that time — the other person had walked away with a disturbed look on her face. Later on, I found out that you are not supposed to deliver your curriculum vitae when asked this question. You just have to say "Pretty good" or "Not too bad." Moreover, I found that this answer, which in some cases is a

lie, must be followed — with the speed of light — by the repetition: "How are you?"

After having figured this out, I was a worthy ambassador of my country. At least that is what I thought. I instantly started telling everybody I met that I come from Denmark. It turned out that most people know relatively much about my home country. However, those who are not that well-informed do



not hesitate to contribute to the discussion, which is a very sympathetic gesture by Americans. "Denmark?" I was once asked. "I know where Denmark is. It's a small town in Holland, isn't it?" This made me happy, giving me the chance to exercise my outstanding pedagogical skills by saying: "Denmark is a country on top of Germany" and following it up by a detailed account of the Vikings, the soccer team and the beer prices.

However, I am not sure that my well-intentioned lectures on Danish geography and folklore have had much effect so far. This is not strange, since my pronunciation is awful. I do not even know how to pronounce my own name. When I answer the phone, I say:

"Hi, this is Karin Wahl-Jørgensen," and some friendly person on the other end of the line says:

"Hi, can I speak to Karrren Uaall Djorgenson?"

I have practiced in front of the mirror: Karrren Uaall Djorgenson, Karrren Uaall Djorgenson... and strange sounds emerge, resembling those of "chocolate chip cookie," "burger" and "Halloween." But not my name. It stays in there. Fortunately, the Americans are very tactful. They ask me to repeat

Mothers express support, concern as sons prepare to go to Somalia

Associated Press

DES MOINES — The mothers of two Marines headed for Somalia said they believe U.S. troops need to help that country's starving citizens, but they are worried about what it will do to their sons.

Diane Buss of Parkersburg said Monday she knows her son, Lance Cpl. Chad Buss, 21, is going to grow up a lot.

"He's going to see a lot of death," she said.

P.J. Rundall of West Des Moines said her son, Pfc. Jason Westergard, 20, has little experience with death.

"This worries me," she said.

Another Iowan bound for Somalia, Pfc. Michael Hartman, 22, of

Ottumwa, is an Army mental-health counselor. His mother, Ina Hartman, said he will help the troops deal with emotional problems caused by "things they'll be seeing and experiencing."

About 300,000 people have died this year from starvation, disease and fighting in the drought-ravaged African country.

Hartman said her son has completed intensive training and counseling at Fort Sam Houston in Texas and has recently been briefed on what to expect in Somalia. Her son is with the 10th Mountain Division based at Ford Drum, N.Y.

The mothers also said they are worried about combat, sniper fire and diseases.

Deases gets second life term for murder of fellow inmate

Associated Press

FORT MADISON, Iowa — Edward Deases is serving a second life-without-parole term after a judge sentenced him Tuesday in last summer's stabbing death of a prison inmate.

Deases and his two attorneys appeared before Judge Harold Bainter for the brief sentencing in North Lee County District Court.

Deases, 24, of Ames was convicted Nov. 3 of stabbing inmate Joseph Perea to death. Deases was convicted of killing Perea on July 8 as prisoners lined up for breakfast in the state penitentiary dining hall.

Perea, of Phoenix, Ariz., was stabbed 16 times.

Under Iowa law, the life-without-parole sentence was mandatory after Deases was convicted of first-degree murder.

Deases already was serving a life-without-parole sentence in the 1989 murder of Jennifer Gardner, a 20-year-old Ames woman strangled and decapitated at Deases' brother's apartment.

Perea had been convicted of the 1983 murder of a 12-year-old girl in Arizona.

Deases' attorneys argued he acted in self-defense. Prosecutors said Deases was carrying out a premeditated murder plan.

CALENDAR

EVENTS

■ Lutheran Campus Ministry will hold an Advent evening prayer at 9:30 p.m. at Old Brick, corner of Clinton and Market streets.

■ A UI Staff Council meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Northwestern Room of the Union.

■ United Campus Ministry will present

"The Listening Post" from 1-5 p.m. on the first floor of the Union.

■ UI Advertising Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Iowa Room of the Union.

■ The Women's Resource and Action Center will present "Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe" with Lily Tomlin at 12:10 p.m. at 130 N. Madison St.

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■ KRUI (FM 89.7) — Amazon Radio, 6-8 p.m.; Spanish Radio, 8-9 p.m.; Now Hear This, 9-10 p.m.

LEGAL MATTERS

POLICE

Christopher M. McBride, 211 Slater Hall, was charged with public intoxication and consumption at the UI business college construction site on Dec. 4 at 2:10 a.m.

Matthew J. Gagerman, 18, 4404 Burge Hall, was charged with public intoxication and consumption at Burge Hall on Dec. 4 at 12:44 a.m.

Vincent J. Vogelsang, 30, 210 N. Linn St., was charged with public intoxication and consumption and criminal trespassing at the UI Chemistry-Botany building on Dec. 6 at 11:04 p.m.

Nora A. Copeland, 86, 701 Oaknoll Drive, Apt. 401, was charged with fifth-degree theft at Hy-Vee, 501

Hollywood Blvd., on Dec. 7 at 9:43 a.m.

Ronald P. Fink, 21, 701 Bowery St., Apt. 2, was charged with fifth-degree criminal mischief at 701 Bowery St., Apt. 1, on Dec. 7 at 3:15 p.m.

Robbie N. Kuhn, 1536 Rochester Ave., was charged with public intoxication at 315 S. Gilbert St. on Dec. 7 at 7:02 p.m.

Michael A. Gilbert, 24, address unknown, was charged with fifth-degree theft at QuikTrip, 323 E. Burlington St., on Dec. 8 at 1:33 a.m.

James W. Burr, 44, 722 Kirkwood Ave., was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Highway 6 and Gilbert Street on Dec. 8 at 1:58 a.m.

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Theft, fifth-degree — Michael A. Gilbert, address unknown, fined \$25; Jeffrey C. Hoxworth, Cedar Rapids, fined \$75; Gary W. Lohr, Cedar Rapids, fined \$75.

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Assault (simple) — Reginald G. Vaughn, Coralville, fined \$75.

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Theft, fourth-degree — Shannon R. Dundon, 2254 S. Riverside Drive, Apt. 58. Preliminary hearing set for Dec. 28 at 2 p.m.

Theft, third-degree — Ralph C. Sistern, address unknown. Preliminary hearing set for Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.

Sexual abuse, second-degree — Leonard J. Vargason, Tiffin, Iowa. Preliminary hearing set for Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.

OWI — James W. Burr, 722 Kirkwood Ave., preliminary hearing set for Dec. 28 at 2 p.m.; Anthony Arn, 4989 400th St. S.E., preliminary hearing set for Dec. 28 at 2 p.m.

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Viewpoints

TEEN PREGNANCY

Necessary availability of contraception

Just one year ago, the New York City school district was in the middle of a sex battle. Against teen-age pregnancy and the spread of AIDS, that is. The dilemma then was: Should teen-agers have access to free condoms on request at their own high schools? The answer was finally yes, despite the efforts of John Cardinal O'Connor, New York's Roman Catholic archbishop, and complaints from parents about not being able to control their children's sexual activity.

Starting next month, a Baltimore, Md., high school for pregnant students and teen mothers will offer Norplant along with other contraceptives to all their students. According to school officials, offering Norplant, the implanted contraceptive that prevents pregnancies for five years, seems like the best solution in a city where the teen-age pregnancy rate is nearly triple the national rate.

Baltimore is not alone. According to *The Des Moines Register*, Washington, D.C., Arkansas and Virginia are preparing similar programs, all aiming to control high-school pregnancies.

And while Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Arkansas are selectively targeting poor, inner-city populations, Virginia wants to make Norplant available to all women starting next year.

Because the residents of the targeted areas are mainly low-income minorities, city leaders are worried about the rationale behind the program. Just like during the 1991 condom controversy in New York, there is a concern among adults that teen-agers are again being told that it is OK to be sexually active. And others have gone as far as to say that they fear the program is "a bit of social engineering," implying the notion of a social cleansing of the inner-cities by simply reducing birth rates.

However serious the concerns are, reality is too grim to be ignored. Take for example Baltimore's Laurence Paquin School, which according to the *Register* has 300 students who are either pregnant or have recently given birth. And since other programs aimed at controlling teen-age pregnancy have failed for the simple reason that students will simply neither use contraception nor follow any counseling, Norplant appears to be the best solution.

And using the same argument used last year when officials defended New York's condom-distributing policy, it would be naive to believe that teen-agers won't do exactly what they are told not to.

Fernando Pizarro
Managing Editor

MARK CULLUM



HARRY SUMMERS

The PC movement's anti-militarism bigotry

"Anti-militarism," sociologist Charles Moskowitz once said, "is the anti-Semitism of the intellectuals." And anti-militarism is evidently a politically correct cover for racism as well.

In a roundtable discussion at *Essence*, a magazine for black intellectuals ("White Men on Black Power," Nov. 1992), sociologist Andrew Hacker, who is white, charged that Gen. Colin Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, "put 99 percent of himself, or his black self, on hold, in the back, because he was ambitious, wanted to get ahead, and did."

How the KKK must have smiled to see their prejudices so well defined. *Essence* was troubled, as it should have been, but their remonstrances were rather weak. They should have demanded that Hacker explain whether Powell put "his black self on hold" during his two tours in Vietnam where he won a Combat Infantryman's Badge, a Soldier's Medal for saving a comrade's life, a Bronze Star Medal, an Air Medal, and a Purple Heart.

Or was that part of his "99 percent" blackness? For those of us who have served on an integrated battlefield the answer is clear. The black infantrymen I served with on the Korean and Vietnam battlefields convinced me that bravery and courage were very much a part of the black heritage.

And did Powell put "his black self on hold" while he was a fellow

student at the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in 1967-1968? He was one of the honor graduates of that most demeaning course, a course designed to identify the future leaders of the Army.

Among our classmates was another black officer, Dallas Brown, who rose to the rank of brigadier general and was later my boss as deputy

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commandant of the Army War College. Yet another black officer, Calvin Waller, a student of mine there, would rise to lieutenant general and serve as Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf's deputy commander in the Persian Gulf War. They were only several among the many outstanding black officers with whom I served at the Staff College and at the War College.

As the title of his book, "Two Nations: Black and White, Separate, Hostile and Unequal," makes clear, Hacker denigrates black Americans as "victims" to be pitied. But the black soldiers I have known were certainly not objects of scorn. They were role models to be admired and

BRIDGETT WILLIAMS

Belief in unseen beings can be reassuring



For me, December has always been a season of angels. At midnight Mass, I would sing "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," and imagine angels named Harold lighting up the night with their white robes silhouetted against the dark Jerusalem sky.

Angels in the stained glass surrounded me at church. Round-mouthed and childlike angels singing in department stores and the comforting blinking of the blue angel on top of my family's tree comprise some of my earliest memories. Angels were as omnipresent as Santa Claus, only a little less scary; they were as much a part of the season as Baby Jesus, only a little more interesting.

As a child, the existence of unseen beings dwelling in a superimposed reality beyond my ordinary perceptions didn't seem unreasonable. Like most children, I lived in a rich and imaginative world which contained magic and whimsy in unequal proportions to bedtimes and lima beans. If imaginary friends and storybook characters existed (and to me, they certainly did), then so could an angel or two. The universe was big enough for Laura Ingalls Wilder AND Gabriel.

Yet, with a child's stubborn quest for order, even imaginary beings had to conform to a recognizable identity and had to behave in expected ways. Angels, I imagined, wore white. They were short, blonde and fast; when they flew they made jingle-bell sounds (I expect I borrowed this from Tinkerbell). Due to some confusion over the wording of a children's prayer, I was sure they sat on my bedposts

overnight. Finally, angels always would intervene to help and guide when ordinary beings faltered.

Now, however, I must admit my childlike faith has strayed and I'm not as devout as my parents might like. I've passed through my snotty and cynical "Religion sucks, man" phase, but I must work hard to place my trust in the mystical world of the irrational. Among the other things I've left behind in the toy box of my past (Lincoln Logs, bubble soap, and nightlights), I seem to have forfeited some of my whimsy and that easy confidence in Santa Claus, angels and the Baby Jesus. Living in a secular time which trumpets the advances of science makes it difficult to harmonize the logical and the spiritual. (To those of you who argue that the spiritual is the logical, my apologies. It's that Western Judeo-Christian dualism thing in action.) Moreover, I've found that the irrational things I do still believe in on a daily basis (such as love) rarely conform to a single identity and often behave in unrecognizable ways. Unlike the angels of my childhood, it's hard to be sure that I'll know them when I see them.

Yet, in times of crisis, it's amazing how full of faith the ordinarily irreligious can be. One broken pane of glass, a quart of blood and a dripping dishtowel can produce silent, continuous litanies during the short drive to the emergency room. Science can stitch, reattach tendons and staunch the bleeding of my friend, but religion gives me something useful to do as well. It's more than a reflex. It's a soothing rhythm in a world suddenly gone skewed and chaotic; it reattaches me to the warm pulse of my past. It seems to please my friend that I am thinking of him. So much for my enlightened

pose of rational skepticism... the rational and the irrational dwell simultaneously within me, although they are rarely brought proximate.

Although my faith has evidently matured into something I need more than I admit, my ideas on angels haven't changed much. I confess that I still expect them to be short and blonde, child-sized and fast, universally giving and good. As it turns out, however, that image may need to be modified as well. Angels, it seems, sometimes have only one or two of these characteristics. The woman who was in the emergency room entrance after we had gotten lost in the twists and turns of the UI hospital labyrinth, for example... she was fast, but was she blonde? I don't remember. The nurses who joked about my friend's bright future as a plate-glass tester to distract him from fear, all the while providing top-notch medical care... they were good and giving, but were they short? I don't think so. Perhaps I met an angel in the form of the child who smiled broadly at all passersby although it was far past her bedtime; her innocence amid people in pain was a comfort to everyone in the room.

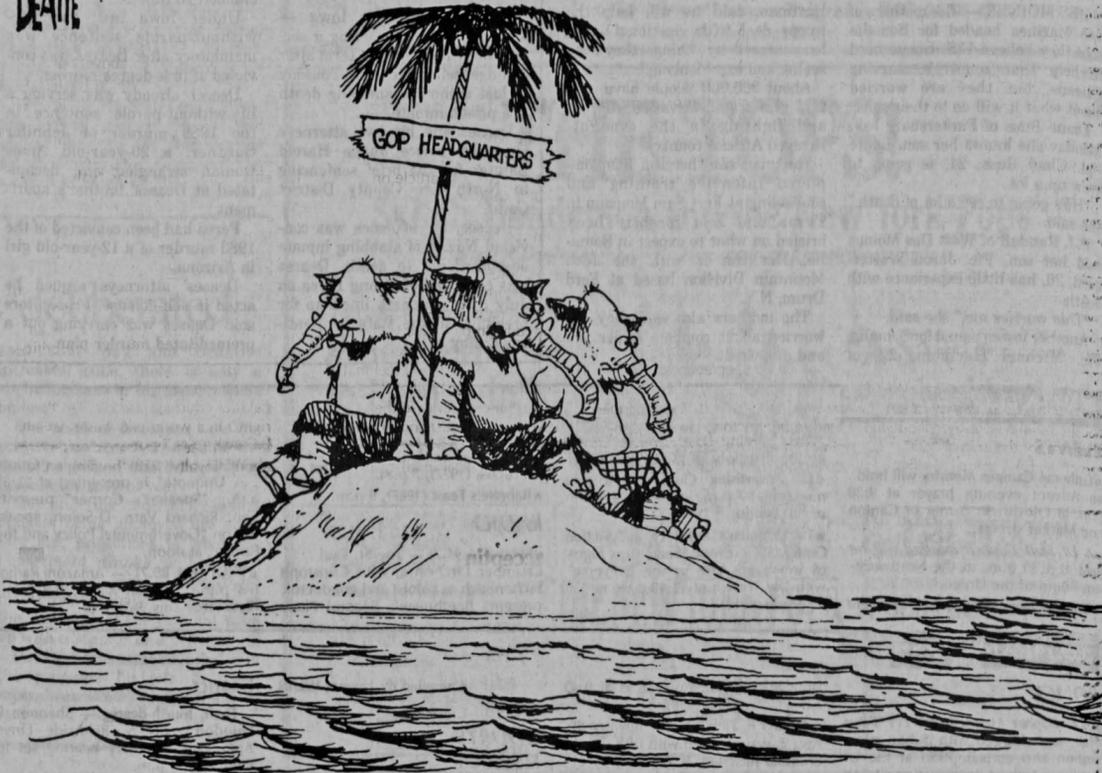
I guess I'll never know with certainty about the divinity or grace of these "angels," but like so many other things, you can (and sometimes should) believe in things you can't prove and don't fully understand. Looking back at the crazy rush of events, however, I do know that I am grateful for the kindness of strangers who came to help and guide my friend and me when we were troubled.

And you want to know the strangest part? I could have sworn I heard jingle bells.

Bridgett Williams' column appears Wednesdays on the Viewpoints Page.

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LETTERS

Defining a 'right'

To the Editor:

Both letters that have come in, Mr. Friedman's and Mr. Smith's, have attacked my letter on a technicality — capitalism is an economic system, not a form of government. Both are technically correct, but they fail to grasp the point of my letter. The point of the letter was not that capitalism is a system of government, the point is that without capitalism's emphasis on the individual, there can be no individual rights. Neither one has attacked the main idea.

Mr. Friedman offered another definition of a right. By his definition, anything that society considers morally correct is a right. In the 1800s, the majority of Americans considered slavery morally correct. Does that mean that slavery is a God-given right? If American society considers cannibalism morally correct, does that mean that practicing cannibalism is a right? The answer in both cases is no. In order to practice either, one must interfere with force, upon the rights of their victims. I will restate the correct definition of a right — a right is a liberty preserved for the individual, a right cannot interfere with the rights of others — you cannot shout "fire" in a crowded theater, you cannot play your stereo at full volume in the wee hours of the morning.

By deciding that health care is a

right, you interfere with the rights of others. By requiring Mr. Walton and Mr. Perot to pay for your 'right' to health care, you are interfering with their right to control the products of their efforts. If you take away a man's right to control the products of his efforts (money), you take away the man's right to dispose of his efforts. If you take away a man's right to dispose of his efforts, you take away a man's right to dispose of his life (slavery). Go back and fill in the blanks for doctors.

The most important right is the right to control your own life. Without the right to control your own life, there can be no other rights. That is why I am concerned about this notion that health care is a right. If you devalue an individual by taking away his right to control his own life, you most certainly take away his right to social liberty. If you deny the doctor his right to work for himself and not for the government, you deny the doctor the right to control his own life. If you make doctors your slaves by taking away their right to control their own lives, you deny that anyone has any rights, either economic or social. Please don't wreck my future by ensuring that I am a slave. Please don't take away my right to control my own life. If you start doing this to doctors, who's next?

Kyle Ver Steeg
Iowa City

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Think before 'impulse buy'

To the Editor:

Each year, hundreds of companion animals are abandoned and consequently, cold, disease-ridden and often killed in shelters. Some of these animals end up in the animal shelter themselves, who do not want to or cannot take an animal. At the same time, animals are being given away to owners who cannot survive by fending for themselves. Such is often the case in abandoned in dormitory apartments at the University of Iowa. While animal shelters are not just euthanizing, they are providing a safe refuge for animals as well as information on neuter programs, the shelter solution to the growing number of unwanted animals. Many of the animals are stray or feral cats and kittens, the result of the part of owners who do not neuter their companion animals. Just put a cold day and leave a bridge or outside shelter when no one is looking. Someone will find and care for them. Within 1970s, pet shops have been the shopping mall of every community, with shelters and humane societies to place animals in homes. However, pet shop profits are not overpopulation of companion animals. Pet shops contribute to the pain of animals. Animals are often kept in pairs and females are over and over again must also endure transportation, often across the country. All of this even before the pet shop where the animals are in small cages and no care!

The holiday season is a time of many impulse buys. In a pet shop window, I was tempted to buy the cutest puppy I had ever seen or willing to take a puppy that comes with an animal. Also, buying a surprise gift can be a mistake for those who receive nothing but know nothing about the animal. Once the holidays are over and the enthusiasm for the season wears off and the

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LETTERS, CONTINUED

Think before this 'impulse buy'

To the Editor:

Each year, hundreds of thousands of companion animals are abandoned and consequently die of hunger, cold, disease and cars or are killed in shelters. Surprisingly, many of these animals make their way to the animal shelter by their owners themselves who decide they do not want to or do not take care of the animal. At the same time, some animals are simply abandoned by their owners who think the animals can survive by fending for themselves. Such is often the case for cats abandoned in dorms or student apartments at the end of the semester. While animal shelters do more than just euthanize animals, such as providing a safe refuge for strays as well as information on spay and neuter programs and placement programs, the shelter is not the solution to the growing number of unwanted animals.

Many of the animal shelters' animals are stray or abandoned puppies and kittens, the result of the failure on the part of owners to spay or neuter their companion animals. No problem. Just put them in a box on a cold day and leave them under a bridge or outside the city shelter (when no one is looking, of course). Someone will find them and take care of them. Wrong! Since the 1970s, pet shops have opened in all of the shopping malls in practically every community, thus competing with shelters and humane agencies to place animals in proper homes. However, pet shops work only for profits and are not concerned with overpopulation and neglect of companion animals. Pet shops also contribute to the pain and suffering of animals. Animals bred for purchase are often kept in poor living conditions and females are forced to breed over and over again. These animals must also endure the stress of transportation, often across several states. All of this even before reaching the pet shop where they will also remain in small cages and in questionable care!

The holiday season is near and many impulsive buyers attracted at the sight of a "cute" puppy or kitten in a pet-shop window will be tempted to buy the animal only to find out later that they are not ready or willing to take on the responsibility that comes with a companion animal. Also, buying an animal as a surprise gift can be a mistake for those who receive the animal who know nothing about animal care. Once the holidays are over the initial enthusiasm for the animal "gift" wears off and the animal is either

neglected or sent to the shelter.

What can be done to prevent this kind of needless suffering, neglect, and death? First, the breeding and selling of companion animals as well as exotic animals must be banned. Pet shops can stay open for business by selling only animal products and toys without the live animals. Secondly, animal owners should spay or neuter their companion animals or be subject to a fine. Thirdly, owners must license their companion animals at the city shelter (it's the law in Iowa City, and for a good reason!) to ensure the safety of not only the animal, but the community from rabies or from a loose and dangerous animal. The animal cannot be licensed without a rabies shot. Shelter officials can find the lost or stolen animal much easier once licensed by the shelter. These measures may seem extreme to some people, but if you take a walk to your local shelter you will know what I mean. Animal shelters are overwhelmed with the incoming number of strays. Or take a trip to a puppy mill, the factory farm of companion animals! I am sure you will be impressed by the filth, the overcrowding and the exploitation of the female animals.

In the meantime, before you decide to acquire an animal, take a trip to your local shelter. You may just find that cute puppy or kitten that was once sitting in the pet-store window.

Grace Trifaro
UI Animal Coalition

'Unhealthy lifestyles'

To the Editor:

There are people on the UI campus who have spoken publicly in classifying the "homosexual lifestyle" as "abnormal," "perverse," "destructive," and "unhealthy" among a number of other words. I'd like to take this space to show exactly what these people mean. What you are about to read will give you an in-depth look at persons who are gay, lesbian and bisexual. It is a side you rarely see, so you may want to avert your eyes as you read — it is disgusting!

First, and foremost, are the unusual and destructive roles that people who are gay, lesbian and bisexual play in their families, such roles as: daughters, sons, parents, cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, brothers and sisters. If that isn't enough, there are a number of abnormal and perverse careers that persons who are gay, lesbian and bisexual take as well. These people tend to be: doctors, lawyers, construction workers, teachers, garbage collectors, psychologists, actors,

engineers, bartenders, etc. If you can stand to read further about the dirty little secrets that persons who are gay, lesbian and bisexual have, here are some of the disturbing and vile emotions these types of people feel: sadness, joy, anger, confusion, happiness, satisfaction and love. As fearful as it seems, here is who the majority of people who are gay, lesbian and bisexual voted for in the presidential elections: Bush, Clinton and Perot. Lastly, the rotten, terrible things these persons who are gay, lesbian and bisexual do in the military is almost beyond mention. In Vietnam, for instance, they went there and got shot, bled and died.

Shocking. The skewed information propagated by these people portrays "homosexuals" as being a truly

incest, rape, or danger to the life of a mother?" a vast majority of the population says yes.

It is evident from the facts that the Republican Party needs to stand firm on the abortion issue. The Republican Party can win, as it has in the past, with the abortion stance that the majority of people hold. The sanctity of human life cannot be, and need not be, downgraded for political advantage. The solution for the GOP is to stand firm on issues and educate the U.S. population on conservative beliefs. If the GOP doesn't stand firm it will become a waffle party. Isn't that the party of Bill Clinton?

Douglas Anderson
Coralville

the things that are important."

Gary Maske
Wellman, Iowa

Attention does not necessarily denote respect

To the Editor:

In his letter (DI, Nov. 23), Michael B. Clark says he finds it flattering to be the center of attention in your letters column. I'm sure he does. I think he has admitted the main motivation for his actions, which is to feed his ego by going against the grain in Iowa City. Yes, Mike, you can get attention and your name in the papers, but don't mistake that for respect. Yes, you can throw obstacles in front of progress, but don't kid yourself that you're anything but a temporary annoyance.

It was noble of Mike to call for an end to "faceless name-calling," particularly after just referring to his critics as pathetic left-wing fanatics, and considering that his past letters have been paragons of faceless name-calling. (It's too late to claim the moral high ground, Mike.)

It is generous of Mike to "respect everyone's right to exist and live privately" and to say "I do not believe we should discriminate against gays," especially when Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition (which he so admires) wants the government to declare homosexuality "abnormal and perverse" (as in Oregon). This group also works to deny gays civil rights protection (which they call "special rights," as though they exempted gays from the laws and obligations of other Americans) which encourages people to fire, evict and harass gays.

He and his beloved Christian Coalition (where the "Christians" don't much love their neighbor and are judgmental as hell) and the Alliance for the Advancement of Heterosexuality (is this some "SNL" skit?) purse their lips and talk about lifestyle choice and use Scripture to justify their prejudice. It leads to violence. In a study of 400 young men incarcerated for gay bashing, the *Boston Globe* reported that the bashers generally found nothing wrong with what they did and, more often than not, said their religious leaders and traditions sanctioned their behavior. One teen-ager said that the pastor of his church had said, "Homosexuals represent the devil, Satan," and that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had echoed that charge.

As a self-avowed heterosexual, he professes to know more about being gay than gays do, saying it is a behavioral choice. How can he have missed the avalanche of national

magazine, newspaper, and TV stories that say just the opposite, that it is not a choice? How can he be unaware of the decades of study by respected researchers in the field of human sexuality?

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that being gay is not a choice. Why would 20 million Americans choose a lifestyle for which they will be scorned by an intolerant society? A lifestyle in which committed couples are not entitled to the same legal benefits as straight married couples? A lifestyle that may very well isolate them from family and friends, and may get them beaten up or killed?

William Stosine
Iowa City

Do as I say . . .

To the Editor:

Now that the dust has settled on the political battlegrounds, here are some personal observations regarding the recent elections and some repercussions:

There is no time like the present, for all our elected officials to begin accepting total responsibility for fulfilling their campaign promises, or as President-elect Clinton now calls, "recommendations." This will only occur if they "put their money where their mouth is" and truly believe the four words printed on our bills and coins: "In God We Trust."

Also, I'll bet Sen. Ted Kennedy wishes he had entered the presidential race since "character" was not considered an important campaign issue. Maybe he could not have won, what many in the news media called Gov. Clinton's "mandate or landslide victory." (The facts are that only four out of every 10 voters even supported Clinton.) But without a doubt, Ted Kennedy would have seriously challenged Bill Clinton's experience record with respect to "relations in domestic and foreign affairs!"

And finally, after President-elect Clinton's first news conference Thursday, Nov. 12, it appears as though "character" is now going to be considered an important issue after all. At that news conference he pledged the "strictest code of ethics or conduct in history" for his administration, and hoped it would "boost the credibility of his decision-making." If President-elect Clinton sincerely wants to "boost the credibility of his decision-making," all he simply needs to do is issue the following executive order to every member of his new administration: "Don't do as I do, just do as I say!"

Donald R. Schmitt
Holy Cross, Iowa



In a 'KISS world' . . .

To the Editor:

It isn't surprising that one who takes KISS' nihilist assault on objective value to heart should end up misdirecting his loyalty ("absolute") and misplacing "the things that are important." But here's proof that nihilism is winning today: Most students are quick to spot the value judgments emanating from a Christian or "inherent meaning" world view (such as mine, above) but virtually unquestioning in the face of judgments grounded in materialistic, humanistic, chance world views (such as Tim Rissman's and your rhetoric teacher's). The former are effectively dismissed as "value judgment" — as if it were a dirty word! — whereas the latter are taken at face value. Makes for an uneven playing field in the culture wars.

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Majority is pro-life

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Jay Casini's Nov. 18 article on the GOP's shrinking tent. To respond correctly to his article the true facts must be brought out. The majority of the U.S. population is pro-life, not pro-choice. The false perception that the majority of the U.S. population is pro-choice is related to polling methods. In particular to the way the question is asked in the poll. If a pollster asks, "Do you feel that abortion should be illegal in all cases except

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Cameras, not guns, greet troops arriving at Somalia

Tina Susman
Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia—Mobbed by media rather than militiamen, U.S. Marines began landing by full moon early Wednesday to begin an armed mission of mercy to feed Somalia's starving millions. Not a shot was fired as the troops moved swiftly to seize Mogadishu's airport.

Amphibious vehicles came out of the Indian Ocean, rolled over the dunes and up onto the tarmac. As helicopters battered the sky, a few of the brown and green vehicles sped across the airport's single airstrip and pulled up near the main terminal. Troops poured out and raced into position near the main gate.

A number of Somalis, clad in ragged clothes and sandals, stood outside the airport, peering in in apparent fascination.

"This is just great!" said one unidentified Somali. "What a relief."

Four hours earlier, a reconnaissance team of 20 Navy frogmen and Marines had come out of the sea at Mogadishu, a broken, shattered city ruled by the gun and reeking of decomposed bodies.

The special forces team, faces smeared with black and green camouflage cream, and armed with automatic rifles, anti-tank missiles and machine guns, was caught in the glare of television lights and surrounded by 50-75 journalists.

The Marines will take control of the airport and harbor area in the first step of a plan to seize vital gateways for international aid and get food, medicine and other supplies moving to those Somalis who need it most.

More than 300,000 Somalis already have died in one of history's most savage famines and the United Nations says 2 million more are at risk of starvation.

Although they expected no major confrontations with Mogadishu's thousands of armed young militiamen, the Americans were taking no chances. Commanders made it clear they would shoot first if threatened and ask questions later.

But the troops didn't know whether they ultimately would be fighting or feeding Somalis. And they didn't know how long they would stay. The Bush administration has spoken of ending the operation by Jan. 20, but many expect it to extend months into President Clinton's term.

Clinton said he could offer no "artificial timetable" for U.S. withdrawal.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said officers had been dismayed by coverage of the landing, saying TV lights on the beach put the troops' lives at risk. Marine Maj. Frank Libutti, briefing reporters earlier Tuesday, said newsmen could freely cover the landing.

Mogadishu was unusually quiet Wednesday. There were sporadic bursts of gunfire, but they were far from the airport.

The 1,800-member advance team of America's Operation Restore Hope included a three-ship amphibious assault unit led by the USS Tripoli, backed by a Navy battle group led by the aircraft carrier USS Ranger with 60 warplanes.

Scores of clansmen departed the airport with their heavy weapons well before the U.S. arrival. They were leaving behind a cash cow they had milked for months through exorbitant demands for landing and cargo handling fees.

Both the port and airport have been closed sporadically by clan fighting, looting raids by heavily armed gunmen and other violence since the United Nations began its massive relief effort in March.

Once the ports are firmly under control, the way will be paved for an airlift of up to 27,000 more U.S. troops to seize other key installations and protect truck convoys of food to the nation's hard-hit interior.

They will be part of a U.S.-led coalition that will include troops from France, Canada, Italy, Belgium and Egypt, all operating under U.N. auspices.

Mogadishu's two major warlords, Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid and Ali Mahdi Mohamed, had both pledged to U.S. special envoy Robert Oakley to have their militiamen cooperate with the U.S. troops.

Both conceded, however, that they are not in full control of the city.

Aidid and Ali Mahdi signed a U.N.-brokered cease-fire in early March that ended more than four months of heavy fighting and left the shattered capital divided by a Green Line. Ali Mahdi holds the north, Aidid the south.

The cease-fire ended artillery and mortar shelling of each other's positions, but barely dampened the noise of small arms fire that still rattles through the city.

More than 30,000 men, women and children died or were wounded in that fighting. Hastily dug graves dot the city, small mounds of sand marked by sticks and stones. Some of the graves have been exposed by the torrential rains of the fall.

PLAN

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put the first draft of the framework together was composed of faculty members and administrators. Throughout the process there's been an enormous amount of input from faculty."

Another aspect of the plan that has drawn some concern is the possibility that implementation of the plan will hurt research initiatives. Although Rawlings said he hopes that will not occur, he does realize that is a possibility.

"I know some people will read the plan that way," he said. "That is, they say, 'If you're going to improve instruction — since it's a zero-sum game — that means you're going to have to reduce your commitment to research.'"

"I hope that's not the case, but I can see that some people would take it that way," he said. "It's very difficult to improve both (instruction and research) and I think we're taking on a challenge here that most universities are confronting in one way or another because we're all under severe resource pressure these days with

declining state budgets."

And shrinking university budgets. Although final figures are not in yet, indications are that last week's free-meningitis-vaccination prog-

Hunter Rawlings' Favorite Scenes from 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail'

4. Bring out your dead. "That scene is hilarious. What a wonderful film."

3. "Jetez la vache," or launch the cow. "My third favorite scene is when the French start throwing the animals out."

2. Bring me a shrubbery. "We go wild for the shrubbery scene."

1. Being oppressed. "I like the scene outside the city walls where the riders are going by a bunch of peasants and the peasants start talking about being abused by the aristocracy. I think it is the funniest scene."

ram will cost the UI over \$270,000. That, Rawlings said, means the UI's budget will be placed under even further stress in the coming

OUTAGE

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Union businesses were also shut down during the power failure. UI senior and Union Pantry employee Wendy McClure said they had to stay and guard their merchandise.

"We have to make sure no one loots the place," she said. Howard said as soon as the problem cable was isolated, electricity was diverted through other cables so that the faulty cable could be replaced.

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months.

"We're just going to have to squeeze the budget tighter in order to pay for this unforeseen program," he said. "It makes the whole budget tighter, but what's more important than the health of our student body? I can't imagine anything more important. It's our highest priority."

Rawlings took time to praise the efforts of everyone involved in last week's program.

"I've never seen such an impressive operation organized in such a short time to deal with such a major problem," he said. "I went over there twice last week to see how the program was proceeding and I was overwhelmed with how

effective and efficient it was."

Almost 18,000 people received free vaccinations last week, but Rawlings said he was not among them. "I haven't gotten one yet," he said. "I don't have a student ID. But, frankly, I do intend to get a shot. Maybe on one of his days off."

CONCERT

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experiences with the shell-bent, drugged-out hard-core musical scene of Los Angeles, etc.

Most audiences would recognize Brian May of The Brian May Band for his stint as lead guitarist of the now-defunct British group Queen.

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Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Shedd may miss

CEDAR FALLS - Cedar Falls football coach Ted Allen said it would be a "remarkable recovery" if he could return to the sidelines for Saturday night's semifinal playoff game against Youngstown State.

Shedd suffered a bruised right hip in a wall after a down pass in last week's victory over McNamara. He is now on crutches.

NFL

Byrd sits in

NEW YORK - New York Jets' defensive end Michael Byrd was partially paralyzed against Kansas City Chiefs on Tuesday night. The team described the injury as "uneventful" and said Byrd would be transferred to a rehabilitation facility at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore.

He experienced numbness in his legs last week, but doctors say it may be temporary before they know which he will recover.

Test results for

end encouraging

ATLANTA - In following the removal of a large tumor from Atlanta Braves' pitcher Tim Lincecum, defensive end Michael Byrd's condition is encouraging, said Rhea said.

Preliminary results of a scan, reviewed on Tuesday, showed that the tumor had not spread to the affected testis.

BASEBALL

White Sox ob

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - The Chicago White Sox are on a one-year contract option for a second year.

Stieb, 35, spent the 14-year major-league career with the Toronto Blue Jays. He was selected in the fifth round of the June 1978 free-agent draft.

Stieb began the season back surgically herniated disc. He made 12 starts for the Blue Jays' rotation.

Stieb has appeared in the All-Star Games, a 1987 American League shares with Early.

Gagne crown

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Gagne became the first infielder to join the Royals when he signed a \$10.7 million contract.

Gagne put together an errorless streak last season in Minnesota. He hit .300 and had a 100 percent batting average.

Plesac signs v

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Dan Plesac, who placed as one of the top 10 stoppers, found a day when he signed a contract with the Royals.

Last season, Plesac was briefly a starter and became a middle reliever. He was effective in 1991, finishing 5th in ERA.

He will hold the job for the Royals.

Reinstated Hi

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Howie, back in baseball after an arbitrator overruled his ban, agreed Tuesday to a two-year contract with the Yankees.

Howe, 34, was suspended for the Yankees and six saves in 1991. He was suspended then-commissioner Bud Selig on June 8 after pleading guilty to a charge of attempting to sell cocaine, his suspended drug-related suspension.

Sports

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WHO-WHAT-WHEN ...

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• Syracuse at Tennessee, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
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NBA

• Cavaliers at Bulls, 7:30 p.m., WGN.
Iowa Sports
• Men's swimming hosts Iowa State, Noon, Fieldhouse Pool, Dec. 12.
• Women's swimming at Iowa State, 1:30 p.m., Dec. 12.
• No. 1 Wrestling at No. 10 Northern

Iowa, Dec. 11, KXIC 800 AM.

• No. 8 men's basketball hosts Iowa State, 2 p.m., Dec. 12.
• No. 5 women's basketball hosts Amana-Hawkeye Classic: Kentucky vs. UNC-Charlotte 6 p.m., Iowa vs. West Virginia, 8 p.m., Dec. 11. Consolation, Dec. 12, 6 p.m. and championship, 8 p.m.

SPORTS QUIZ

Q Atlanta Hawk Dominique Wilkins scored 42 points and also set an NBA record last night against the Bulls. What record is it?

See answer on page 2B.

SportsBriefs

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Shedd may miss semis

CEDAR FALLS — Northern Iowa football coach Terry Allen is resigning himself to playing without flanker Kenny Shedd this weekend.

Allen said it would take a "remarkable recovery" for the Kodak All-American to be ready for Saturday night's Division I-AA semifinal playoff game with Youngstown State.

Shedd suffered a concussion and a bruised right hip when he ran into a wall after catching a touchdown pass in last Saturday's 29-7 victory over McNeese State. He's now on crutches.

NFL

Byrd sits in wheelchair

NEW YORK — Dennis Byrd, the New York Jets' defensive lineman partially paralyzed in a game against Kansas City two weeks ago, sat up in a wheelchair for the first time on Tuesday.

The team described his recovery as "uneventful" and said he will be transferred to the spinal cord rehabilitation facilities at Mount Sinai Hospital in a few days.

He experienced some movement in his legs last weekend, but doctors say it may be two years before they know the extent to which he will recover.

Test results for Falcons' end encouraging

ATLANTA — Initial test results following the removal of a testicular tumor from Atlanta Falcons defensive end Mike Gann are encouraging, team trainer Jerry Rhea said.

Preliminary results from a CAT scan, reviewed on Monday, were that the tumor had been confined to the affected testicle.

BASEBALL

White Sox obtain Stieb

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Chicago White Sox agreed to terms with free-agent pitcher Dave Stieb on a one-year contract with an option for a second season.

Stieb, 35, spent his entire 14-year major-league career with the Toronto Blue Jays after being selected in the fifth round of the June 1978 free-agent draft. Stieb began the 1992 season on the disabled list following off-season back surgery to repair a herniated disc. He returned to the Blue Jays' rotation on April 22 and made 12 starts through June 29.

Stieb has appeared in seven All-Star Games, a record for American League pitchers he shares with Early Wynn.

Gagne crowned by K.C.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Greg Gagne became the latest middle infielder to join the Kansas City Royals when he signed a three-year, \$10.7 million contract.

Gagne put together a 53-game errorless streak last season for Minnesota. He had a .973 fielding percentage and made 18 errors.

Plesac signs with Cubs

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Free agent Dan Plesac, who had lost his place as one of baseball's best stoppers, found a new home Tuesday when he signed a two-year contract with the Chicago Cubs.

Last season, Plesac got a new job. After briefly starting the year as a starter and not doing well, he became a middle reliever and was effective, going 5-4 with one save and a 2.45 ERA.

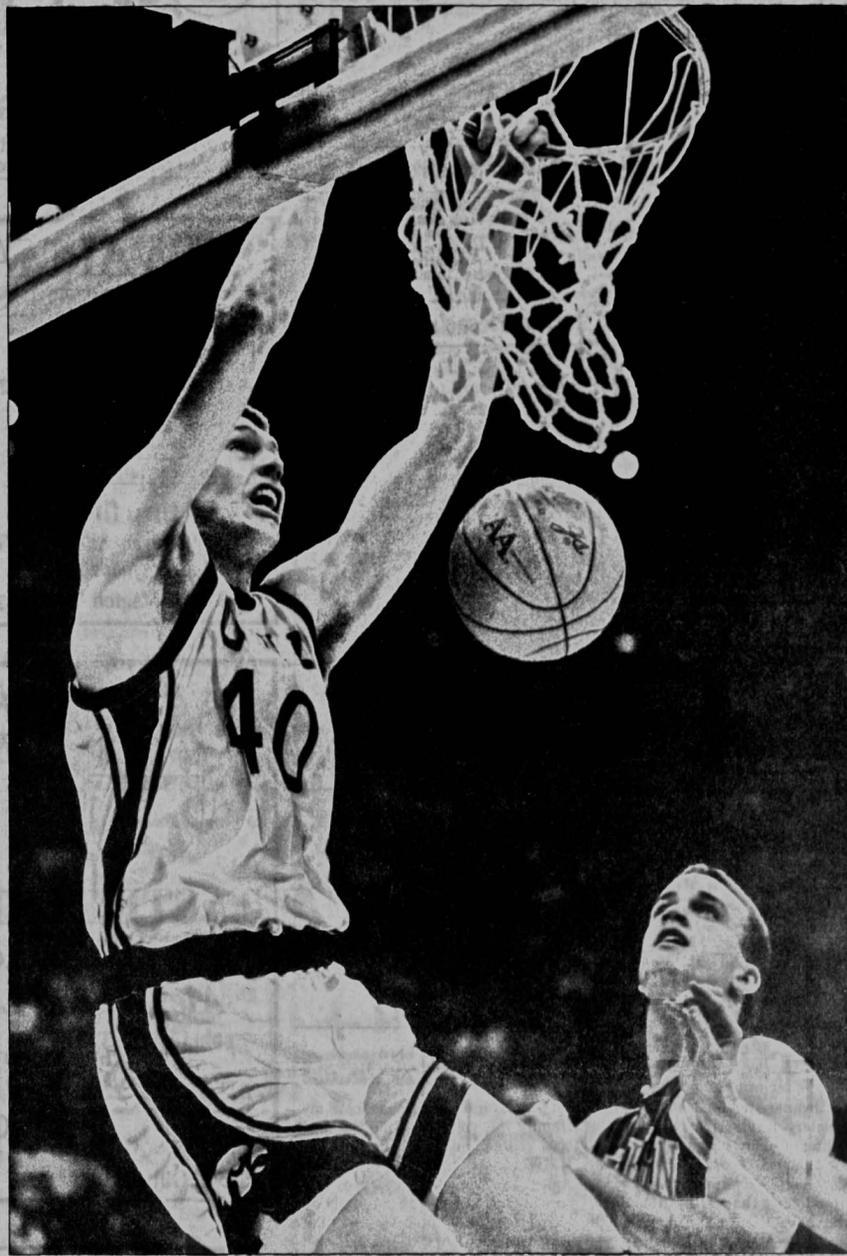
He will hold the same spot with the Cubs.

Reinstated Howe inks deal

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Steve Howe, back in baseball after an arbitrator overturned his lifetime ban, agreed Tuesday with the New York Yankees on a \$4.2 million, two-year contract.

Howe, 34, was 3-0 with a 2.45 ERA for the Yankees last season and six saves in 20 appearances. He was suspended indefinitely by then-commissioner Fay Vincent on June 8 after pleading guilty in federal court to a misdemeanor charge of attempting to possess cocaine, his seventh alcohol or drug-related suspension.

No. 8 Hawkeyes feast on Panthers



Forward Chris Street slams home two of his 16 points Tuesday night, helping No. 8 Iowa (4-0) to a 64-44 drubbing of UNI. Val Barnes led the Hawkeyes with 21 points.

Chris Street and Val Barnes pick up the slack for center Acie Earl, who scored a season-low five points.

Mitch Martin
The Daily Iowan

Despite inconsistent play, the Iowa men's basketball team ate another cupcake Tuesday night, gobbling up Northern Iowa 64-44 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes survived an 18-4 run by the Panthers to start the second half and climbed to a 4-0 record on the season.

Big Ten player of the week Acie Earl was ineffective offensively, going 1-for-8 from the field, finishing with five points. After the game, he was visibly upset about his own performance, but optimistic about his team as a whole.

"They don't have to rely on me to score all the time; it's not like it used to be," Earl said.

Coach Tom Davis said that Earl can't come up with big numbers every game.

"Acie was pretty representative of our ballclub. He's not Mr. Perfection... we've got a lot of work to do," he said.

The Hawkeyes looked sharp defensively in the first half, forcing 18 Panther turnovers. However, they seemed to have frequent trouble with their own attention spans at the other end of the court, giving it up 10 times.

Nearly seven minutes into the game and the score knotted at 4-4, the only crowd-pleasing play had been a rejection by reserve center/forward Jay Webb, who finished with four rebounds and three blocks in only nine minutes of action.

But a driving lay-in by Val Barnes and a two-handed alley-oop dunk by Chris Street launched the Hawkeyes on 27-4 run, from which the Panthers never recovered.

Barnes and Street produced more than half their team's points, scoring 21 and 16 points, respectively. Barnes hit several key mid-range jumpers while Street worked the baseline and the paint. James Winters had a game-high nine rebounds.

UNI was led by forward Randy Blocker, who had 12 points, and point guard Brian Carpenter with 11, including nine in the second half. Second leading scorer Cam

Iowa 64, UNI 44

NORTHERN IOWA (1-2)
Jones 0-4 1-2 1, Blocker 5-16 2-2 12, Rice 2-2 0-0 4, Carpenter 5-10 0-0 11, Johnson 2-12 2-4 6, Madlock 0-2 0-0 0, Ellis 1-7 0-0 2, Hammar 3-6 0-0 6, Merfeld 1-2 0-0 2, Vandeven 0-0 0-0 0, Holterhaus 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-61 5-8 44.
IOWA (4-0)
Winters 1-5 7-8 9, Street 6-10 4-4 16, Earl 1-8 3-4 5, Smith 1-5 0-0 2, Barnes 9-16 3-3 21, Murray 2-9 1-2 5, Bartels 0-2 1-2 1, Webb 1-4 1-2 2, Lookingbill 0-1 3-6 3, Clasper 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-60 22-30 64.
Halftime—Iowa 36, Northern Iowa 12. 3-Point goals—Northern Iowa 1-8 (Jones 0-2, Blocker 0-1, Carpenter 1-2, Johnson 0-3), Iowa 0-5 (Barnes 0-1, Murray 0-3, Webb 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Northern Iowa 38 (Johnson 7), Iowa 50 (Winters 9). Technical fouls—Madlock, Street. Assists—Northern Iowa 10 (Blocker, Ellis 3), Iowa 11 (Smith 4). Total fouls—Northern Iowa 21, Iowa 15. A—15,213.

"I can't remember when I've seen a team play worse... what we found out was how not to play."

Eldon Miller UNI coach

Johnson was held to six points on a dismal 2-for-12 shooting.

The Panthers put a scare into the Hawkeyes in the second half. After Street made two free throws, the Panthers mounted an 18-2 run that brought them within 10.

Coach Tom Davis admitted the Panthers "put us back on our heels" during the stretch.

"Northern Iowa is a sound team—talented and scrappy. In the second half, they became the aggressor," Davis said. "We played 20 good minutes, but 20 minutes isn't enough."

Both teams spent much of the second half trading free throws, with the Hawkeyes shooting 73 percent for the game, and UNI 63 percent.

Coach Eldon Miller was frank about his team's performance.

"You'd have to look pretty hard to find some good in this one," he said. "Our offense is what defeated us, not so much our defense. We were just in such a big hurry and we just turned it over."

"I can't remember when I've seen a team play worse... what we found out was how not to play."

Miller, whose setback to the Hawkeyes came on the heels of a 74-67 loss to Iowa State on Sunday, said it was too early to say which team was better.

BASEBALL MEETINGS

Stocks and Bonds Giant contract richest ever



New Giant Barry Bonds gets choked up while talking about the prospect of wearing No. 24, the retired number of his famed godfather Willie Mays, Tuesday after signing a six-year, \$43.75 million deal.

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Forty-five hours after he walked into the room, Barry Bonds finally made it to the microphone.

Bonds' record \$43.75 million, six-year deal with the San Francisco Giants was finalized Tuesday after endless haggling among lawyers in a three-sided negotiation.

That doesn't matter now. What matters is that he'll be playing left field for the Giants, his father's first big-league team, on opening day — and wearing that No. 24 made famous by Willie Mays, his godfather, four decades ago.

"I have the opportunity to fulfill the dream of an idol," Bonds said, choking back emotions at times. "I See MEETINGS, Page 2B

Barry Bonds' Contract

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The details of the record \$43.75 million, six-year contract agreed to Tuesday between Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants. Information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources:

Year	Salary
1993	\$4 million
1994	\$4.75 million
1995	\$7.75 million
1996	\$8 million
1997	\$8.25 million
1998	\$8.5 million
1999	\$8.5 million
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2001	\$8.5 million
2002	\$8.5 million

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An emotional Paul Molitor addresses the media in Milwaukee after ending his 15-year career with the Brewers by agreeing on a three-year contract with World Series champion Toronto.

Milwaukee's Molitor heading for Canada

Rick Gano
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Paul Molitor figured he would end his baseball career with the Brewers in Milwaukee, where in 15 years he'd developed a strong community presence and was one of the team's most popular players.

But when it became apparent that the small-market Brewers couldn't offer him what the market commands for a free agent or what he thought he deserved as the team's best hitter, he began exploring.

"I think if they had tried a little more aggressively at the later stages of the season or right after... but the farther this thing went the more I had to do to protect myself by looking to other clubs,"

Molitor said Tuesday, a day after signing a three-year, \$13 million contract with the Toronto Blue Jays.

"It came down to where deals began to fall on the table and I had begun to look at them closely. And the way talks with Milwaukee had progressed, I thought it was time for me to make a decision."

But it was an emotional one and Molitor, his eyes glistening at a news conference he called at a downtown athletic club, spoke at times with a crack in his voice as he recalled his years with the Brewers.

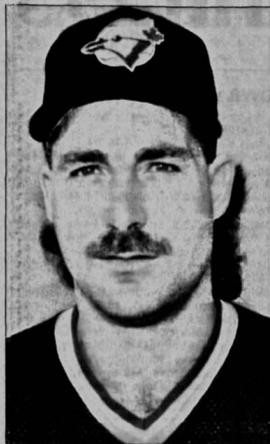
He pointed to the Brewers' only trip to the World Series in 1982 as his most memorable time, even though at the time he'd only been

See MOLITOR, Page 2B

SCOREBOARD

Quiz Answer

Dominique Wilkins hit 23 free throws without a miss in Atlanta's 123-114 win over Chicago Tuesday night.



Dave Stieb

Dave Stieb's Stats

Career statistics of pitcher Dave Stieb who agreed to terms with the Chicago White Sox on a one-year contract plus an option year.

REGULAR SEASON						
Year, Team	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1979, Tor	129.1	8-8	48	52	4.31	
1980, Tor	242.0	12-15	83	108	3.70	
1981, Tor	183.2	11-10	61	89	3.19	
1982, Tor	288.1	17-14	75	141	3.25	
1983, Tor	278.0	17-12	93	187	3.04	
1984, Tor	267.0	16-8	88	198	2.83	
1985, Tor	265.0	14-13	96	167	2.48	
1986, Tor	205.0	7-12	87	127	4.74	
1987, Tor	185.0	13-9	87	115	4.09	
1988, Tor	207.1	16-8	79	147	3.04	
1989, Tor	206.2	17-8	76	101	3.35	
1990, Tor	208.2	18-6	64	125	2.93	
1991, Tor	59.2	4-3	23	29	3.17	
1992, Tor	96.1	4-6	43	45	5.04	
Totals	2823	174-132	1003	1631	3.39	

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES						
Year, Team	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1985, Tor	20.1	1-1	10	18	3.10	
1989, Tor	11.1	0-2	6	10	6.35	
1991, Tor	Did Not Play					
1992, Tor	Did Not Play					
Totals	32	1-3	16	28	4.26	

WORLD SERIES						
Year, Team	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1992, Tor	Did Not Play					
Totals	0	0-0	0	0	0.00	

who agreed to a two-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies:

PETE INCAVIGLIA						
Regular Season						
Year, Team	ab	r	h	hr	rbi	avg
1986, Tex	540	82	135	30	88	.250
1987, Tex	509	85	138	27	80	.271
1988, Tex	418	59	104	22	54	.249
1989, Tex	453	48	107	21	81	.236
1990, Tex	529	59	123	24	85	.233
1991, Det	337	38	72	11	38	.214
1992, Hou	349	31	93	11	44	.266
Totals	3135	402	772	146	470	.246

Jays-Angels Trade

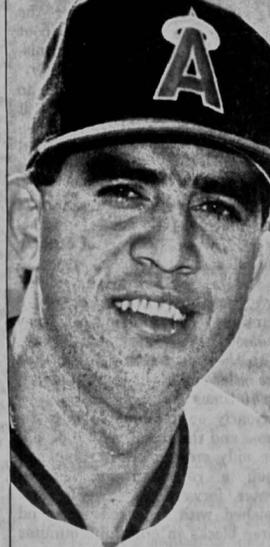
Career statistics for the players involved in Tuesday's trade between the Toronto Blue Jays and the California Angels:

Toronto to California						
KELLY GRUBER						
Regular Season						
Year, Team	ab	r	h	hr	rbi	avg
1984, Tor	16	1	1	1	2	.063
1985, Tor	13	0	3	0	1	.231
1986, Tor	143	20	28	5	15	.196
1987, Tor	341	50	80	12	36	.235
1988, Tor	569	75	158	16	81	.278
1989, Tor	545	83	158	18	73	.290
1990, Tor	592	92	162	31	118	.274
1991, Tor	429	58	108	20	65	.252
1992, Tor	446	42	102	11	43	.229
Totals	3094	421	800	114	434	.259

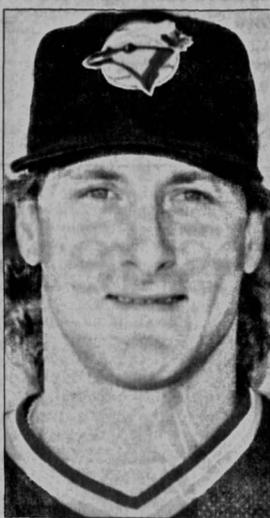
League Championship Series						
Year, Opp.	ab	r	h	hr	rbi	avg
1989, Tor	17	2	5	0	1	.294
1991, Tor	21	1	5	0	4	.238
1992, Tor	26	2	5	1	3	.192
Totals	64	5	15	1	8	.234

World Series						
Year, Opp.	ab	r	h	hr	rbi	avg
1992, Tor	19	2	2	0	1	.105
Totals	19	2	2	0	1	.105

California to Toronto						
LUIS SOJO						
Regular Season						
Year, Team	ab	r	h	hr	rbi	avg
1991, Cal	364	38	94	3	20	.258
1992, Cal	368	37	100	7	43	.272
Totals	732	75	194	10	63	.265



Luis Sojo



Kelly Gruber

David Cone's Stats

Career statistics for pitcher David Cone who agreed to a three-year contract with the Kansas City Royals.

REGULAR SEASON						
Year, Team	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1986, KC	22.2	0-0	13	21	5.56	
1987, NY (NL)	99.1	5-6	44	68	3.71	
1988, NY (NL)	231.1	20-3	80	213	2.22	
1989, NY (NL)	219.2	14-8	74	190	3.52	
1990, NY (NL)	211.2	14-10	65	233	3.23	
1991, NY (NL)	232.2	14-14	73	241	3.29	
1992, NY (NL)	196.2	13-7	82	214	2.88	
1992, Tor	53.0	4-3	29	47	2.55	
Totals	1267	84-51	460	1227	3.10	

League Championship Series						
Year, Opp.	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1986, NY (NL)	12.0	1-1	5	9	4.50	
1992, Tor	12.0	1-1	5	9	3.00	
Totals	24.0	2-2	10	18	3.75	

World Series						
Year, Opp.	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1992, Tor	10.1	0-0	8	8	3.48	
Totals	10.1	0-0	8	8	3.48	

Bob Ojeda's Stats

Career statistics for pitcher Bob Ojeda who agreed to a one-year contract with the Cleveland Indians.

REGULAR SEASON						
Year, Team	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1980, Bos	26.0	1-1	14	12	6.92	
1981, Bos	66.1	6-2	25	28	3.12	
1982, Bos	78.1	4-6	29	32	5.63	
1983, Bos	173.2	12-7	73	94	4.04	
1984, Bos	216.2	12-12	96	137	3.99	
1985, Bos	157.2	9-11	48	102	4.00	
1986, NY (NL)	217.1	18-5	52	148	2.57	
1987, NY (NL)	46.1	3-5	10	31	3.88	
1988, NY (NL)	190.1	10-13	33	123	2.88	
1989, NY (NL)	192.0	13-11	78	95	3.47	
1990, NY (NL)	118.0	7-6	40	60	3.66	
1991, LA	189.1	12-9	70	120	3.18	
1992, LA	166.1	6-9	81	94	3.63	
Totals	1838	113-97	669	1096	3.98	

League Championship Series						
Year, Opp.	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1986, NY (NL)	14.0	1-0	4	6	2.57	
Totals	14.0	1-0	4	6	2.57	

World Series						
Year, Opp.	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1986, NY (NL)	13.0	1-0	5	9	2.08	
Totals	13.0	1-0	5	9	2.08	

Greg Gagne's Stats

Career statistics for shortstop Greg Gagne agreed to a three-year contract with the Kansas City Royals.

REGULAR SEASON						
Year, Team	ab	r	h	hr	rbi	avg
1983, Min	27	2	3	0	3	.111
1984, Min	1	0	0	0	0	.000
1985, Min	293	37	66	2	23	.225
1986, Min	472	63	118	12	54	.250
1987, Min	437	68	116	10	40	.265
1988, Min	461	70	109	14	48	.236
1989, Min	460	69	125	9	48	.272
1990, Min	388	38	91	7	38	.235
1991, Min	408	52	108	8	42	.265
1992, Min	439	53	108	7	39	.246
Totals	3386	452	844	69	335	.249

League Championship Series						
Year, Opp.	ab	r	h	hr	rbi	avg
1987, Min	18	5	2	3	2	.278
1991, Min	17	1	4	0	1	.235
Totals	35	6	9	2	4	.257

World Series						
Year, Opp.	ab	r	h	hr	rbi	avg
1987, Min	30	5	6	1	3	.200
1991, Min	24	1	4	1	3	.167
Totals	54	6	10	2	6	.185

Boston-Montreal Trade

Boston to Montreal						
MARK GARDINER						
Regular Season						
Year, Team	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1992, Bos	130.2	4-10	58	79	4.75	
Totals	130.2	4-10	58	79	4.75	

Montreal to Boston						
IVAN CALDERON						
Regular Season						
Year, Team	ip	w-l	bb	so	era	
1992, Mon	170	19	45	3	24	.265
Totals	170	19	45	3	24	.265

Dan Plesac's Stats

Career statistics for pitcher Dan Plesac who agreed to a two-year contract with the Chicago Cubs.

REGULAR SEASON						
Year, Team	ip	w-l	bb	so	sv	era
1986, Mil	91.0	10-7	29	75	14	2.97
1987, Mil	79.1	5-6	23	89	23	2.61
1988, Mil	52.1	1-2	23	89	30	2.41
1989, Mil	61.1	3-4	17	52	33	2.35
1990, Mil	69.0	3-7	31	65	24	4.43
1991, Mil	92.1	2-7	39	61	8	4.29
1992, Mil	79.0	5-4	35	54	1	2.96
Totals	524	29-37	186	448	133	2.77



Dan Plesac

MOLITOR: Brewers too late with offer

Continued from Page 1B in the majors five years.

And then there was his relationship with Robin Yount and Jim Gantner, who played together from 1978 until last season. Only two other trios had ever played together on the same team for as long.

"I can't tell you enough about Robin and Jim and that relationship and what it's meant to me," the 36-year-old Molitor said. "The continuity of it, the support it brought and the way it was able to keep us all humble in a special way."

Gantner's future with the club is not clear, and as a 38-year old free agent he probably won't be back.

Yount, 37, who agreed to a new contract last week, was very upset about the loss of Molitor and said he might re-evaluate his own situation.

"I think it stinks," Yount told *The Milwaukee Journal*. "I think it's a sad day when one of the best players in the American League wants to stay in a city with a team he's been a part of for a long time and the organization can't afford to keep him."

Milwaukee made a last-hour pitch of salary arbitration but by then Molitor already had decided to go. Milwaukee's reported offer of two years for \$5.2 million wasn't close to matching that of the Blue Jays, who have the option on a fourth season for Molitor in 1996.

The Brewers are trying to cut their payroll and had initially asked Molitor, who made \$3.4 million with incentives this season, to take a pay cut.

"In this particular case, although security and the dollars are far greater than staying here, I looked

at the overall picture as how my family was going to spend the next few years of our lives," he said.

"I feel badly that some people will question my morality issues or how greedy of a player I might be. I hope that is a minority and that my motive wasn't to get the best contract. It turned out to be a good one but that was not the motivation."

Molitor, a five-time All-Star with a .302 lifetime average, hit .320 last season with a career-high 89 RBIs. In 1987 he had a 39-game hitting streak, the fifth longest in modern baseball.

MEETINGS: Gruber sent to Angels

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get to keep his name alive and it's an honor for me. I want to thank the San Francisco Giants for talking to Willie and giving me this opportunity and especially Willie for allowing this to happen. This is the greatest moment in my entire life.

Bonds, a 28-year-old outfielder who spent his first seven seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates, was the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1990 and 1992. His deal was as impressive as his bat, breaking every salary record in baseball.

In total money, it easily topped the \$32.5 million, five-year contract that Cal Ripken and the Baltimore Orioles agreed to on Aug. 24. The average annual value of \$7,216,667 topped the \$7.1 million average of Ryne Sandberg's four-year contract with the Chicago Cubs, a deal agreed to on March 3.

"It's a lot of money, but there's only one Barry Bonds," said Peter Magowan, managing general partner of the group that's buying the Giants from Bob Lurie for \$100 million.

Magowan has been criticized by owners for the deal, baseball's longest since Dave Winfield and the New York Yankees agreed to a 10-year contract on Dec. 15, 1980. Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf has been the most vocal critic.

"I understand where Jerry is coming from," Magowan said. "But I think we had to do what is right for the San Francisco Giants' organization. With this one move, we have transformed our ballclub on the field and sent a message to the Northern California community."

It certainly was a costly commitment, one almost half as large as the group is making to buy the

team. Bonds, who made \$5.15 million last season, gets a \$2.5 million signing bonus, \$4 million in 1993, \$4.75 million in 1994, \$7.75 million in 1995, \$8 million in 1996, \$8.25 million in 1997, and \$8.5 million in 1998. The last four yearly salaries are higher than any others in baseball history.

In addition, Bonds gets a hotel suite on road trips and a provision

Sports

NFL

Trio of teams underdogs no more

Chargers, Steelers and Packers making strong case for postseason berth.

Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

It's not the scenario envisioned at

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	331	223				
Miami	8	5	0	.615	285	244				
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	169	266				
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	197	266				
New England	2	11	0	.154	162	300				

Central										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
x-Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	267	176				
Houston	8	5	0	.615	294	225				
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	231	211				
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	227	306				

West										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
Kansas City	8	5	0	.615	258	207				
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	241	203				
Denver	7	6	0	.538	215	254				
LA Raiders	6	7	0	.462	207	205				
Seattle	2	11	0	.154	103	251				

NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
x-Dallas	11	2	0	.846	324	192				
Washington	8	5	0	.615	247	200				
Philadelphia	8	5	0	.615	297	205				
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	261	307				
Phoenix	3	10	0	.231	208	309				

West										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
Minnesota	9	4	0	.692	324	219				
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	225	242				
Chicago	4	9	0	.308	248	312				
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	239	306				
Detroit	3	10	0	.231	227	291				

Thursday's Game										
Sunday's Games										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
New Orleans 22, Atlanta 14										
Cleveland 37, Cincinnati 21										
Green Bay 38, Detroit 10										
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Indianapolis at New York Jets, 12 p.m.										
New England at Kansas City, 12 p.m.										
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 12 p.m.										
San Francisco at Minnesota, 12 p.m.										
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Green Bay at Houston, 7 p.m.										
Monday, Dec. 14										
Los Angeles Raiders at Miami, 8 p.m.										

the start of the season.

With three weeks to go:
—The Pittsburgh Steelers have all but wrapped up the AFC Central and could get the home field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

—The San Diego Chargers, who haven't made the playoffs in a decade, are in position to win the AFC West.

—And the Green Bay Packers, who haven't been in the playoffs for two decades (save for the expanded strike-caused 1982 version) remain in position to beat out Washington or Philadelphia for a wild-card in the NFC. Or, believe it or not, catch Minnesota for the Central title after a 2-5 start.

"At the beginning of the year, I'd have laughed if you'd have told me we'd be in this situation," Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre said after Sunday's 38-10 demolition of Detroit.

"I feel like a kid in a candy store," said Gill Byrd, the often overlooked San Diego cornerback whose first nine years were spent on teams that were 52-88 — and was 52-92 after the Chargers started 0-4 this year.

"It's something I've worked all my career for, although if I had written the script, we wouldn't have started 0-4."

That 0-4 start has now turned into 8-5, tying the Chargers for first place in their division after Sunday's come-from-behind 27-21 win in Phoenix combined with Kansas City's 28-7 loss to the Raiders.

And that last-place schedule keeps helping. The Chargers' three final games are 4-9 Cincinnati at home and the 6-7 Raiders and 2-11 Seahawks on the road, giving them a good shot at 11-5.

Pittsburgh, meanwhile, now has the best record in the conference at 10-3 after Buffalo's second straight loss. And despite losing quarterback Neil O'Donnell with a broken leg Sunday, they still have veteran Bubby Brister to hand off to Barry

Foster and an easier schedule than the Bills.

As for the Packers, the NFC's version of the Chargers, they've now won five of six and finish at Minnesota, which has a brutal closing schedule.

Here, as simplified as possible, is the playoff picture with four teams already in — San Francisco (11-2), Dallas (11-2), New Orleans (10-3) and Pittsburgh (10-3).

AFC
The Bills (9-4) have suddenly lost their big edge over Miami (8-5) in the East.

While Buffalo gets fading Denver at home next week, it must visit New Orleans and Houston the final two, while the Dolphins have the Raiders and Jets at home, then visit New England, making 11-5 a possibility.

And if the Dolphins win all three and the Bills lose one, Miami wins the division because the Bills would have four conference losses to their three.

Pittsburgh can clinch the division with one more win or a loss by Houston (8-6 after beating Chicago Monday night.) They now want home field and have that advantage for the regular season — they're at Chicago, then finish at Three Rivers with Minnesota and Cleveland.

In the West, Denver (7-6) is fading without John Elway, leaving the race to the Chiefs and Chargers. Kansas City has the tiebreaker because it's beaten San Diego twice and will be favored in its three

final games — New England and Denver at home and the New York Giants on the road.

Wild Cards: Houston, Miami or Buffalo and Kansas City or San Diego have the best shots with Cleveland (7-6) a possibility, particularly now that Bernie Kosar is back. But to make it, the Browns will probably have to beat both Houston (at home) and Pittsburgh (away) in their final two games.

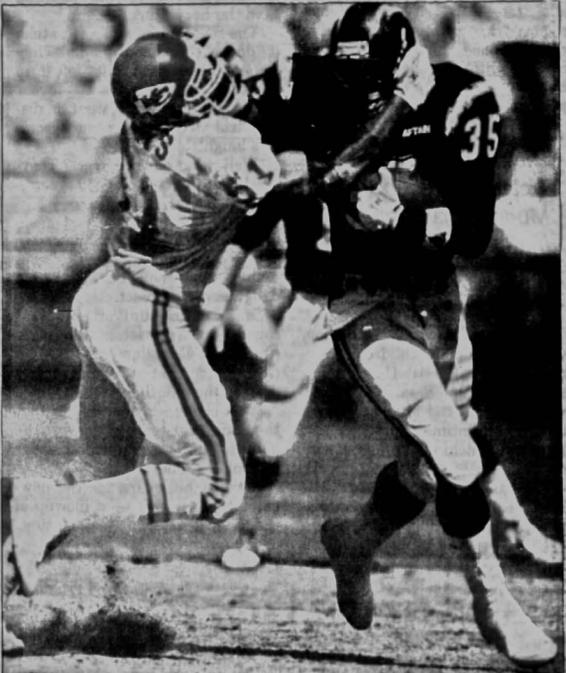
NFC
If Green Bay hadn't gotten so pesky, this would have been easy — Dallas (11-2) Washington and Philadelphia (each 8-5) from the East; Minnesota (9-4) from the Central and San Francisco and New Orleans from the West.

But while the 49ers and Cowboys should win their divisions — one more win will do it for Dallas — the Packers could keep out Philadelphia or Washington and even win the Central.

Here's how it works.
The Packers are 7-6 and finish at Houston, with the Rams at home, and at Minnesota. The Vikings have San Francisco at home and visit Pittsburgh — two games they could lose — and could go into the final week tied with Green Bay at 9-6, meaning the winner takes the division and the loser is probably out.

That's not likely, but the Packers could still get a wild-card.

They beat Philadelphia, so edge out the Eagles if those two are tied. The Eagles, 6-0 at home, visit 2-11 Seattle then finish at the Vet with



Running back Marion Butts, right, and the rest of the San Diego Chargers are stiffarming their way up the AFC West ladder and possibly into the playoffs after a 0-4 start.

the Redskins and Giants, so shouldn't be worse than 10-6 and could be 11-5.

But they may have a better shot at beating out Washington.

The Redskins, playing better with Jim Lachey, Joe Jacoby and Dar-

rell Green back, have to play Dallas at home this week, then go to Philadelphia.

Still, Joe Gibbs' teams ALWAYS win in December — Sunday's win over the Giants made them 12-2 in the 12th month since 1989.

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Painting of intimate scene between Ernie & Bert removed from gallery

Associated Press

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — A Colorado State University student has removed his painting from a display after the producer of "Sesame Street" objected to his depiction of Bert and Ernie in a compromising position.

The painting "Sesame's Treat" showed the Muppet characters in an intimate position with Big Bird watching.

Children's Television Workshop, which produces the children's program, protested artist Heath Johnson's painting "Sesame's Treat," which showed the Muppet characters in an intimate position and Big Bird watching through a window.

The company threatened CSU with legal action Friday for displaying the painting, which it said

infringed on its copyright. Johnson, 22, said he voluntarily decided to remove the painting from the Lory Student Center. "The school didn't tell me to take it down," Johnson said. "They weren't censoring it. They left it up to me."

The painting, which went on display last week, made some spectators laugh. "Well, what do you expect? They've lived together for 30 years," student Brian Whitney said.

Others were irate. "It just made me so mad I wanted to spit nails," said Pam Hughes, who was concerned about how her 4-year-old daughter would react.

Lee Combs, university legal counsel, said the letter from Children's Television Workshop demanded that the university destroy the painting.

"Part of our response will be that the university doesn't own the painting and it is not subject to our control," he said.

Johnson has plans for the now-empty gallery spot — a blowup of the letter denouncing his painting.

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Arts & Entertainment

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

NYC lawyer creates 'Tom the Dancing Bug'

Tasha Robinson
The Daily Iowan

The comic strip — and the newly released book — is called "Tom the Dancing Bug," but it doesn't feature any dancing bugs named Tom. Nor, warns a small label on the title page, are any of the strip's characters rhythmically moving invertebrates by any name.

Clearly Ruben Bolling, the New York City lawyer who writes and draws "Tom the Dancing Bug," has a weird sense of humor.

And this same offbeat, free-wheeling world view characterizes and permeates "Tom," making it an utterly refreshing and unique strip — bug or no bug.

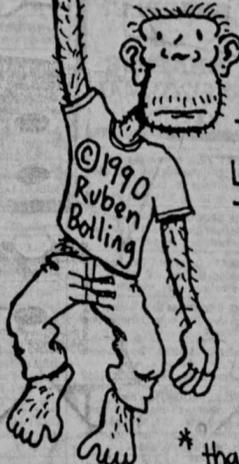
Appearing weekly in some 600 college newspapers nationwide, "Tom" represents an unusual approach to cartooning. Bolling's only real training is entirely in a different field — he works full-time as a lawyer, and draws "Tom" in his off hours. He attempts to keep his two professions separate, but some crossover is obvious, as law leaks into "Tom" in the "Harvey Richards: Lawyer for Children" series, or the one-shot strip on a masked vigilante touting rational wealth maximization.

Bolling's lack of training — or maybe just the fact that he frequently draws his cartoons at 3 a.m. — may be responsible for his unique outlook. At any rate, he doesn't seem to be subject to the rules that most other cartoonists live by. For one thing, his strip has no fixed cast of characters. There are a few that recur from time to time — notably Max the precocious infant and his friend Doug the amorphous cartoon character, both of whom are aware they are cartoon characters, and discuss it from time to time. There's also an australopithecine named Charley

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and a kid named Louis, who has an overly active imagination. And of course, there's Harvey Richards, a lawyer who deals in children's rules, such as "no fronties" and "he who smelt it, dealt it."

But for the most part, each "Tom the Dancing Bug" strip is its own tiny universe. Concept-characters such as Bad Fetus, Big America-Man, God and Chris Partridge, pop up fully formed for one or two strips each and then disappear, never meeting or interacting.

Occasionally, reading the book is like reading a compilation of sev-

eral artists' work. The overall style — crowded, detailed single-panel line art — occasionally seems reminiscent of Matt Groening's cartoons, though "Tom" is generally goofy rather than cynical. But drawing style and humor are both protean, given to change from one cartoon to the next.

Similarly, there's no fixed agenda, no given topic. Bolling covers a wide range of political and cultural satires, poking equal fun at film colorization, George Bush, war comics and human morality. There are also a number of cartoons that

deal with cartooning and being cartoon characters. Apart from an interest in art and the media which resurfaces from time to time, there doesn't seem to be a link between any one strip and the next.

Bolling explains that he didn't want to be tied down to any specific format or characters. "I don't want to be reigned in by anything. I want to let my imagination go crazy. If I have an idea, I don't want to squelch it because it doesn't fit into the format... I want to be able to do absolutely whatever springs to mind."

This also links in to the seemingly irrelevant title. Bolling admits he never wanted to name the strip, because he didn't want to label — thus, limit — what he was doing. But when the Harvard campus newspaper first began publishing the strip, his editors kept pressing him to call it something.

"When they insisted I name the strip, I thought of the stupidest, goofiest name I could think of," Bolling said. "I don't see why there should necessarily be a Tom the Dancing Bug in the strip. Does Charles Schulz's comic have peanuts in it? Where's the circus in 'Family Circus'?"

The book "Tom the Dancing Bug" (HarperCollins, \$9) comprises 77 cartoons, nearly all of Bolling's work on "Tom" since 1987 — at least, up until recently. Since the publication of his first book, he has already done enough new cartoons that a second book may be in the cards. The next one isn't likely to include a dancing bug either, but whatever else Bolling comes up with is sure to be fun to look at.

Tasha Robinson's column on comics, animation and the graphic medium runs Wednesdays in the Arts & Entertainment Section. Next week: A boy and his cute, cuddly demon from hell.

Iowa City artists display variety of talents at 'Dead White Mountain' gathering

Sonja West
The Daily Iowan

Perhaps the name "Dead White Mountain" doesn't initially seem like a very logical collection of words, but then again the actual "Dead White Mountain" events aren't always a logical collection of performances — so maybe it is an

apt title after all. "Dead White Mountain" is a recently revived, casual gathering where Iowa City artists get a chance to display their talent.

One of the "Dead White Mountain" organizers, Todd Weissenberger, said although the monthly gatherings center around poetry readings, the final result can be an

eclectic show of a variety of talents.

Maybe "Dead White Mountain's" slogan can more effectively sum up the entire concept. It is "Institutionalized bewonderment."

Throughout its on-again/off-again existence, "Dead White Mountain"

has been influenced by literally hundreds of people, Weissenberger said.

The next performance of "Dead White Mountain" will be on the first Monday in February at Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St.

BANDS

Avoid prefinals stress with Freedy Johnston

John Kenyon
The Daily Iowan

On first listen, Freedy Johnston may seem just another raspy-voiced, working-class, every-tune-tells-a-tale kinda guy from Jersey.

But did the Boss ever sell the family farm to finance a record? Johnston did. He sold a farm and farmhouse willed to him by his grandfather, took the money, and finished his record.

As if that wasn't enough, he wrote a song about the whole deal. He now travels around the country, each night telling audiences about that choice in song, each time perhaps doubting the decision.

"Well I sold the dirt to feed the band," he sings in "Trying to Tell You I Don't Know," the lead track from his second LP, *Can You Fly*. "Yes I sold the house where I learned to walk."

Big deal, right? Guy sells his house to make a record, you've still never heard of him... so what? Well, Johnston traded in his childhood for one of the best, and most overlooked, albums of the year, that's what. And if there were any justice in this crazy, mixed-up world, he would make enough money from his music to buy back that farm and anything else he wants.

Johnston, as one could guess, has a voice that by necessity must grow on you. It has a raspy, reedy timbre that is part Paul Westerberg, part Neil Young. With an LP like *Can You Fly*, the process of adjustment doesn't take long.

Johnston is a little-known singer/songwriter from Hoboken by way of Kinsley, Kan. That birthplace, the exact midpoint for an "On The Road"-style jaunt from New York to San Francisco, colors Johnston's music with dustbowl-inspired desperation.

Each tune really does tell a tale, as Johnston paints vague vignettes with words, his stories mere frames in which to put a picture.

And the songs themselves are simply outstanding. They are acoustic-based folk-rock songs. Johnston then adds some tasteful electric guitar here and there, giving just the right amount of crunch and strut to each track.

He is also joined by some big-name players on *Can You Fly*. Chris Stamey, Marshall Crenshaw, Dave Schramm and Syd Straw are a few notable mentions. Schramm adds a hauntingly beautiful pedal steel to "Responsible," while Straw weaves an angelic duet around Johnston's hushed vocal on "Down in Love."

Johnston also offers rare proof that an acoustic guitar, bass and drums can really smoke. "In the New Sunshine," "Sincere" and "Trying to Tell You I Don't Know" are all full-bore rave-ups.

Martin Zellar has told a few tales from the heartland himself. For years he led Iowa City favorites and Austin, Minn., natives the Gear Daddies, a country-rock combo with a penchant for quirky covers and draining live shows.

The Gear Daddies released two fine records, *Let's Go Scare Al* and *Billy's Live Bait* before succumbing to the God of Broken Dreams earlier this year. Of course, this worked to their financial advantage, as they were able to play three or four farewell shows at Gabe's billed as "Your last chance EVER to see the Gear Daddies!"

Now Zellar is out on his own, doing that singer/songwriter thing. Though the Gear Daddies certainly weren't a one-man band, one could hazard the guess that Zellar solo won't stray too far from your typical Gear Daddies concert experience. And yes, that's a good thing.

All in all, a great night of prefinals bliss lie in store for all ye who enter. Have at it.

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CEDAR RAPIDS

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Steven Harfords Tuesday and charged with a degree arson, and unidentified 17-year-old arrested last week with third-degree arson.

The arson charge is a cross burning in the city's northwest quadrant, making harassment the occupant of the house.

Both youths are in custody on the charge and appear for future court action.

West Branch with sexual abuse

A West Branch woman with two counts of sexual abuse Tuesday charged with second-degree sexual abuse and lascivious conduct against him in Iowa City.

According to court documents, the 15-year-old victim allegedly been sexually abused by Warner.

One girl told police she was touched her vagina under her clothing and touch his private parts was 9. The other had done the same she was 10.

According to court documents, the charges consist of sexual abuse and lascivious conduct.

In October, a 10-year-old girl was charged with recent charges. Dec. 18 at the Courthouse.

NATION

Mayors endorse urban plan

WASHINGTON

mayors of eight endorsed President's \$20 billion revitalization plan made it their role in guiding the city.

"For so long have been doing this," said David Dinkins, Mayor of New York City.

The eight mayors are in support of the plan.

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