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th Jeff Bridges.  
 "First Wives Club" edged close to the \$100 million mark. It grossed \$99.3 million in the weeks and slipped from tenth to eighth place with a net of about \$1.5 million.

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 1. "Space Jam," \$29.2 million.  
 2. "Ransom," \$23 million.  
 3. "The Mirror Has Two Faces," \$12.2 million.  
 4. "Set It Off," \$5.8 million.  
 5. "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet," \$5.6 million.  
 6. "Sleepers," \$2.3 million.  
 7. "High School High," \$1.6 million.  
 8. "First Wives Club," \$1.57 million.  
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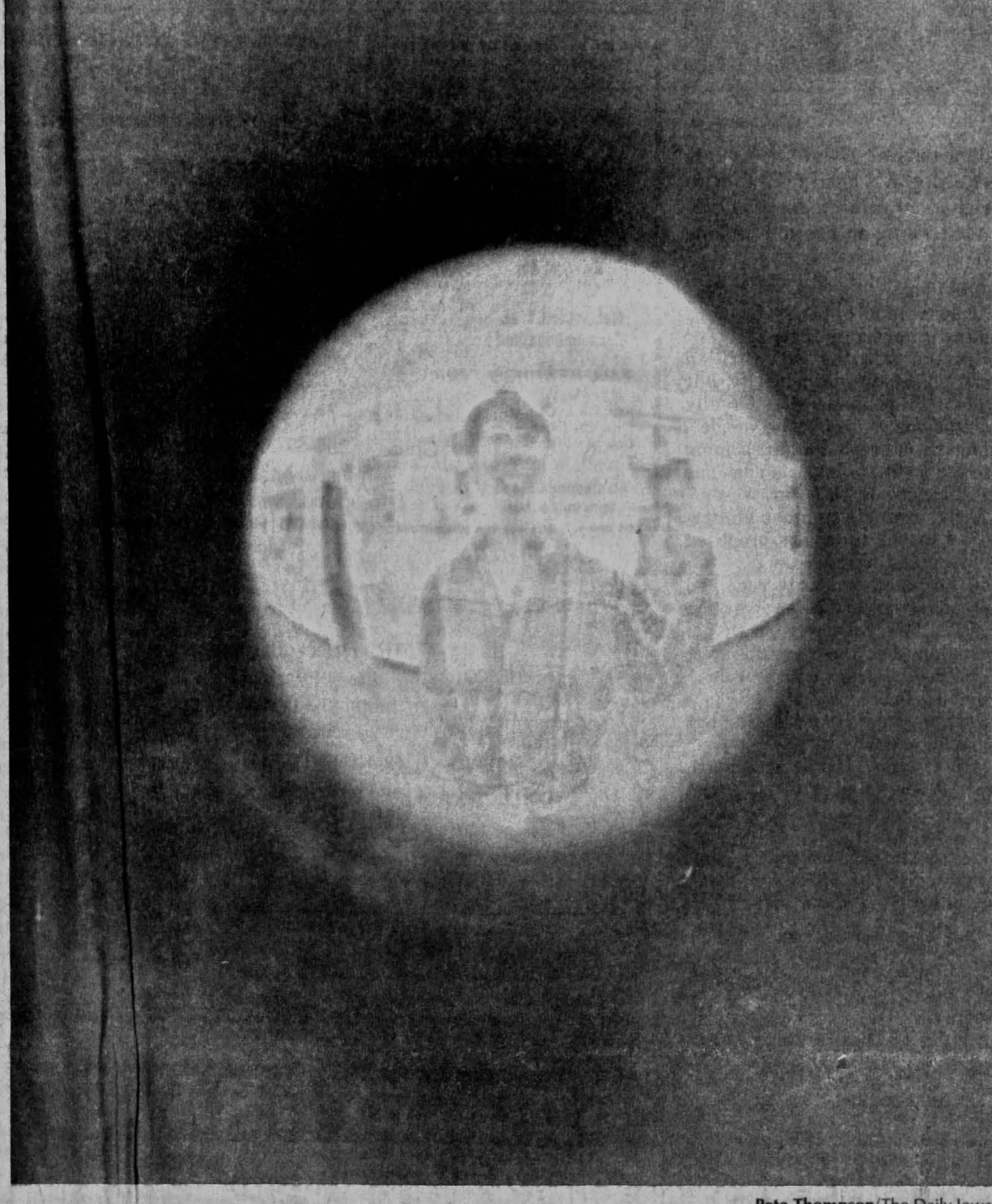
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IOWA CITY'S MORNING NEWSPAPER

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## Peepholes slated for residence halls



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In lieu of the recent sexual assaults on the UI campus, the Department of Residence Services will be installing peepholes into the doors of all UI residence-hall rooms.

Mike Waller  
The Daily Iowan

Women will be first in the UI Department of Residence Services' effort to install peepholes and bar locks on the doors of every residence-hall room.

Maggie Van Oel, director of the Department of Residence Services, said the project is scheduled to be completed in the spring 1997 semester. Crews are going through the residence halls systematically, beginning with women's floors, to install the peepholes. Students can either wait for crews to get to their rooms or request a peephole by putting in a work order.

Safety awareness has been heightened in response to a series of sexual assaults in Iowa City earlier this semester that left many students feeling unsafe and afraid.

"We're trying to look at all angles of resident safety," Van Oel said. UI freshman Stephanie Wachholz said crews recently installed a peephole in her Burge Residence Hall room.

"They just put ours in," she said. "We didn't request one, but we probably would have if they hadn't put one in."

Van Oel said the peephole and bar lock plan is the only resident safety plan in progress right now.

"There's nothing (else) in the works right now," she said. "We're just trying to figure out how to ask students if we should go further as far as locking (outside) doors early."

*"We didn't request one, but we probably would have if they hadn't put one in."*

UI freshman Stephanie Wachholz

of the Iowa River began locking auxiliary doors at 7 p.m. about a month ago.

Van Oel said some doors have to stay open late because of ITCs and dining areas that students need access to.

"We're looking at trying to lock things earlier, but sometimes students wind up blocking the doors open, anyway," she said. "It's pointless to spend money on safety precautions if the students don't want them."

UI sophomore Jennifer Hawbaker said she requested a peephole several weeks ago for her Currier Residence Hall room as an extra safety measure.

"We happen to have a lot of friends that come around late at night; plus, we're by the stairs," she said. "It's nice to know who we're opening the door for."

Hawbaker said safety has been a big concern this semester. She said several incidents on her floor have made her more aware of her own personal safety.

"We had some instances on our floor where people came back drunk and were knocking on doors (of rooms) and trying doorknobs,"

she said. "All in all, I feel pretty safe here. There's just so many people it's good to have extra safety features."

Van Oel said there are a lot of things the Department of Residence Services can do to increase safety, but said she needs to make sure students want them done.

"Everything that gets done is paid for by the students," she said. "We're in charge of their money and we want them to feel safe, but we don't want to waste their money on things they won't use or take

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UI sophomore Jennifer Hawbaker

advantage of."

Van Oel said there have been floor meetings to discuss possibilities such as locking corridor doors to certain floors, but so far, residents have not been interested. She encourages students to voice their safety concerns.

"(Safety suggestions) have to come from the students," she said. "We'll try to get what they want. In the past, when we've tried to think for them, things don't always work well."

### FIRESIDE CHAT

## Coleman addresses renovation of the arts

Renee Bovy  
The Daily Iowan

UI President Mary Sue Coleman, who was dressed casually in an Iowa sweatshirt and tennis shoes, welcomed 27 students to a relaxed fireside chat — sans fire — in the Triangle Ballroom of the Union Monday.

Invitations were sent to 500 UI students chosen at random from the Registrar's Office, but Coleman said anyone was welcome to attend.

The Fireside Chats, which are patterned after President Franklin Roosevelt's radio-broadcast Fireside Chats during the Depression,



Brian Moore/The Daily Iowan

UI President Mary Sue Coleman addresses a student's question during her second fireside chat Monday night at the Union Triangle Ballroom. "I love it every time there are new issues brought up. I welcome the opportunity to speak with the students," Coleman said.

are a casual dialogue between Coleman and UI students. Coleman said she will try to

"Everyone is welcome to ask questions, anything is open game,"

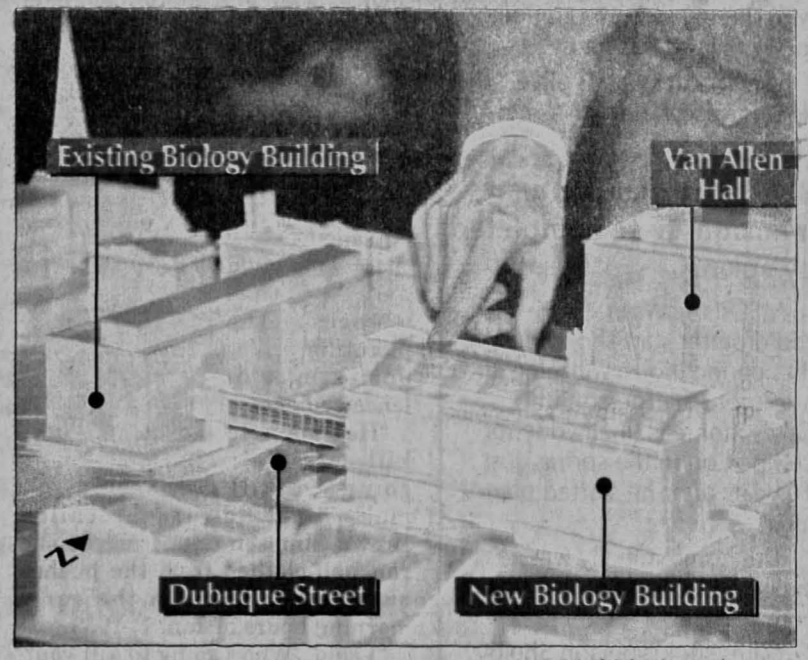
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## Skywalk debated at council meeting

Melanie Mesaros  
The Daily Iowan

The UI Department of Biological Sciences is trying to take UI students to new heights with state-of-the-art research facilities and a skywalk spanning Dubuque Street.

The UI is seeking approval of the skywalk structure from the Iowa City City Council. The Phase I project, which includes the construction of the new facility on the corner of Iowa Avenue and Dubuque Street and a skywalk across Dubuque Street that would connect the existing Biology Building to the new one, will cost \$17.7 million. Plans include a 160-seat lecture hall, research



Joe Friedrich/The Daily Iowan

Pending approval by the Iowa state Board of Regents and the Iowa City City Council, the new Biology Building will be finished in 1999.

laboratories and a greenhouse on the roof.

Gary Gussin, chairperson of the UI Department of Biological Sciences, explained to the Iowa City City Council the essential function of the half a million dollar skywalk at the Monday work ses-

sion. Biologists must be able to transport materials between buildings when weather could pose a threat to research specimens, he said.

"There are specimens that are going to have to be carried out

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### HEALTH

## UI senior finds life altered by STD

Renee Bovy  
The Daily Iowan

A UI senior who does not consider herself sexually promiscuous and dates only one man at a time said her life fell apart two years ago when she discovered she had herpes, an incurable sexually

transmitted disease (STD).

The UI senior, who wishes to remain anonymous, went to Student Health Service for an STD test when she felt ill and noticed abnormalities on her genitalia.

"I had sores, a fever and swollen glands, so I went to get checked,"

she said. "When they called and confirmed I had herpes, it was devastating."

Alicia Weissman, a doctor at the Family Practice Center, said teens and people in their early 20s have the highest rate of STDs in the state of Iowa.

The UI student had been dating her boyfriend for two months before the outbreak. She said she and her boyfriend were not using condoms because she was getting Depo-Provera shots, an injected contraceptive, to prevent pregnancy.

After her disease was confirmed, her boyfriend denied he knew he had the virus. However, she found out later he had given the virus to

## UI strives to increase graduation rates

Jennifer Cassell  
The Daily Iowan

An annual report set to go to the Iowa state Board of Regents Thursday shows regents institutions have graduation rates higher than the national average.

However, the report says rates are still lower than those of comparable schools in other parts of the nation.

The UI has a higher six-year graduation rate than both Iowa State University (ISU) and the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), at 62.7 percent. This means less than two-thirds of freshmen who entered the UI in 1990 graduated within six years. ISU's rates are slightly lower at 60 percent, and UNI is at 59.4

percent.

Ann Rhodes, vice president for University Relations, said the UI would like to see the rates go up, and the administration has been doing its part to improve the retention percentages.

Implementing a four-year graduation plan and strengthening undergraduate advising are two of the ways the UI is trying to work with undergraduate students to keep them interested in the university, Rhodes said. The UI also is providing support services for students with special needs and focusing on undergraduates getting their required courses.

"We are increasing the number of General Education Requirements courses (offered) so every

one can be accommodated,"

Rhodes said. The first part of the regents' examines graduation rates, which are measured in a six-year time frame. The report then looks at retention rates at all three state universities. Retention rates are based on the number of entering freshmen who remain at the university until they complete their degree program. The last part of the report relates the retention rate to students' gender and racial/ethnic minority status.

Joyce Moore, director of Evaluation and Examination Services, said a study will be completed within the next year to show what students expect of the UI.

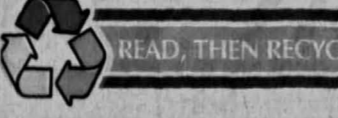
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### Viewpoints

# Thanksgiving, turkeys and all that other stuffing

Dave Barry

Thanksgiving is a time of traditions, and there is no tradition more meaningful than the annual U.S. Department of Agriculture warning about fatal food-borne bacteria.

Many alert readers sent in an Associated Press item in which the acting director of the Agriculture Department's Meat and Poultry Hot Line — whose name is (I am not making any of this up) Bessie Berry — is quoted

But the looming specter of a painful death should in no way dampen the festivity of your Thanksgiving dinner. Just make sure the food is prepared in accordance with federal guidelines ("STEP ONE: Lighting the Blowtorch"). And before you eat, don't forget to bow your head for the traditional prayer of thanks ("We thank Thee for this bountiful meal and ask forgiveness for the fact that we hath ordered pizza").

Another traditional thing you should do is teach your kids the true meaning of Thanksgiving. I suggest you have them put on the following

Mayflower, for many weeks, fleeing persecution in England because of our religious views.

FOURTH PILGRIM: Also, we wear hats that look like traffic cones.

FIRST PILGRIM: What happened to the Third Pilgrim?

SECOND PILGRIM: He's throwing up.

FOURTH PILGRIM: Hey, look! There's Plymouth Rock! Pull over, captain!

LONG JOHN SILVER: Arrr.

(SCENE TWO: The Pilgrims are standing on the shore.

FIRST PILGRIM: Well, this looks like a barren area with poor soil and harsh winters, offering little chance for our survival.

OTHER PILGRIMS: Perfect!

ROBBER: Hand over the money!

FIRST PILGRIM: Hey! You already did your scene in this column!

ROBBER: Whoops!

SECOND PILGRIM: Look! A Native American!

NATIVE AMERICAN: Fortunately, I speak English. My name is Squanto.

FOURTH PILGRIM: "Squanto"? What kind of name is "Squanto"?

SECOND PILGRIM: It sounds nasty! It sounds like, "Mom! The

dog made Squanto on the linoleum!"

FIRST PILGRIM: What's the linoleum?

SECOND PILGRIM: I have no idea.

SQUANTO: I'm going to show you how to plant maize and beans using alewives, shad or menhaden as fertilizer.

FOURTH PILGRIM: "Alewives"? SQUANTO: That's what it says in the encyclopedia.

(SCENE THREE: One year later.)

FIRST PILGRIM: Well, here it is, one year later.

SECOND PILGRIM: That was a pretty harsh winter.

FOURTH PILGRIM: That was definitely the last winter I plan to spend in a small, confined space with people eating a diet of maize and beans.

FIRST PILGRIM: Also, as you will recall, we had a lot of starvation and disease, the result being that half of us are dead.

SECOND PILGRIM: Time for a celebration!

(SCENE FOUR: The Pilgrims and Squanto are seated at a banquet table.)

FIRST PILGRIM: So, here we are, at the (burp) first Thanksgiving.

SECOND PILGRIM: I definitely want the recipe for this alewife dip.

FOURTH PILGRIM: Hey, Squanto, what are those drums saying?

SQUANTO (after listening for a moment): Lions 14, Bears 7.

FIRST PILGRIM: You know, Squanto, with your help, we never would have survived this winter. So we've decided to take over all of North America and pretty much obliterate your culture.

SQUANTO: Sure.

FIRST PILGRIM: Really? You don't mind?

SQUANTO: No, not at all.

FIRST PILGRIM: Great!

SQUANTO: Try this stuffing.

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Another traditional thing you should do is teach your kids the true meaning of Thanksgiving. I suggest you have them put on the following historical play, "The Very First Thanksgiving," which I wrote myself after several back-breaking minutes of research in the encyclopedia.

saying: "Improperly cooked stuffing can cause serious illness or even death."

I am frankly wondering if the stuffing should be regulated, like assault rifles, to prevent it from falling into the wrong hands.

BANK TELLER: May I help you?

ROBBER: Hand over the money!

SECOND BANK TELLER: Do as he says! He's holding improperly cooked stuffing!

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THE VERY FIRST THANKSGIVING

(SCENE ONE: Some Pilgrims are standing on the deck of the Mayflower.)

FIRST PILGRIM: Well, here it is, the year 1620.

SECOND PILGRIM: Yes, and we have been on this tiny ship, the

## Letters to the Editor

### Appalled by DI and Painter

To the Editor:

As the son of a Vietnam veteran, I am appalled by the article which your paper printed by Kim Painter (DI, Nov. 11, "Dangerous precedents"). This column was a disgrace to the five men and women who have fought and died for this great country.

I demand that you print an apology to the men and women of our nation's military: past, present and future. Also, I demand an apology to the sons and daughters of those who risked their lives so that we may live a better life in freedom.

Mark Sands  
UI senior and College Republican

Jennifer Wimmer  
UI senior

### BASSment allegations only perpetuate myths

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to read the article about charges of suspicious activities at the BASSment, in the Nov. 13 issue of *The Daily Iowan*. I can only express my frustration with the image that these charges will bring to the club.

The allegations of gang/drug activities are completely asinine and are only serving to perpetuate the myth of

### Proposition 209 only right in a perfect world

To the Editor:

This is in response to David Hogberg's article (DI, Nov. 15) regarding the passing of the affirmative action Proposition 209 (ironically called the Defense of Civil Rights Proposition) in California. Hogberg puts a great deal of emphasis on academic standing and scores in evaluating who should be able to attend college and who will

succeed. In his opinion, those who don't perform as well in high school or on aptitude tests shouldn't be taking the places of those who did.

In a perfect and fair world, this would be true. Unfortunately — and I do speak from some level of experience here, being a product of the Chicago public schools — the quality of elementary and high-school education is not equal for all children in this country. No one can convince me that my schools on the south side of Chicago had anywhere near the money and resources that certain high schools in the Chicago suburbs had — not to mention class size, teachers' salaries and all the other issues surrounding education.

Do we then punish children for their location and/or financial situation by limiting their access to higher education? Or do we nurture those good minds into becoming more educated and successful individuals in society by giving them that access. I don't see how that can be debated.

This does not even broach the subject of women — and how affirmative action has opened doors to women as well as minorities. It doesn't begin to discuss the different "education" girls and boys receive.

We could also address the argument that SAT and ACT tests are culturally

biased toward the white population — all issues which on some level discount Hogberg's support of Proposition 209.

I wish that we didn't have to make these allowances, but at this point I know we do. The entire infrastructure of our country needs to be re-evaluated and reconceived in order to provide fair access to education, health care and all things which we would need to be safe and comfortable.

Since this isn't going to happen anytime soon, systems should certainly remain to make up for the underlying problems of our society.

Rachel Andrews  
UI staff member and Iowa City resident

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## Baby, no catcalls

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Carrie Higgins

and that waist? You look good (nurseam)"

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ood metaphors. This implies and degrading ideas about vious one is women can be e sexual innuendo, but also a endo. A direct link between ing made. To "eat up" is to lifeless objects to pick up, throw away.

plication that women's bodies pose of sexual enjoyment. A hose tits look good enough to s complimenting a nice body, some damage. If a girl grows is a pleasure toy, what is she And what of grown women? brains off (and therefore the public space?)

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Nation

# Researchers link suicidal tendencies to chemical levels in brain

Paul Recer  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Abnormal levels of a key brain chemical may predispose depressed people to commit suicide, and measuring levels of this chemical may enable doctors to identify those most likely to take their lives, researchers said Monday.

Studies have shown levels of serotonin, an important neurotransmit-

ter protein in the brain, are 20-25 percent lower in patients who are at high risk of suicide, said Dr. J. John Mann of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

Serotonin is particularly active in a part of the brain that controls inhibition, and a lack of the neurotransmitter, or its related chemicals, lowers the amount of control a person has over actions.

"This predisposes a person to act on suicide thoughts," Mann said. "Serotonin is important for restraint. If serotonin is reduced, a person is more apt to act on powerful feelings."

By identifying those most likely to kill themselves, such patients then could receive more aggressive care to help them control suicidal impulses through a variety of medications

now available.

Identifying people who are seriously planning suicide has long been one of the most difficult challenges for doctors who work with depressed patients. People who have a dedicated plan to commit suicide often are able to disguise and hide their intentions.

Also, doctors often fail to accurately gauge how serious a patient's sui-

cide intentions are. For instance, studies in Finland and England show about half of all people who commit suicide see a physician in the 90 days before they kill themselves, but only about 25 percent of them receive adequate care.

Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death in the United States.

Monitoring levels of serotonin may be an important tool in identi-

fying people most likely to act on suicidal impulses, Mann said.

Mann said a brain imaging technique called positron emission tomography, or PET, may provide a powerful diagnostic tool for suicide.

PET is able to detect the reaction in the brain to a drug, fenfluramine, that prompts the release of serotonin. Depression tends to reduce the action of this drug.

WHITE HOUSE

## Nixon tapes show early talk of resignation

Donald Rothberg  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than a year before he was forced out of office, a downcast Richard Nixon, battered by Watergate disclosures, talked about resigning the presidency, according to White House tapes made public Monday.

"Wouldn't it be better to just check out?" Nixon said to Alexander Haig Jr. during an early-morning telephone conversation on May 25, 1973.

Haig, then-White House chief of staff, expressed disbelief. But Nixon went on:

"No, no, seriously, because you see, I'm not at my best. I've got to be at my best and that means fighting this damned battle, fighting it all out."

According to logs prepared by the National Archives, the conversation took place around 1 a.m. Haig had become chief of staff less than a month earlier after Watergate disclosures forced Nixon to fire his longtime aide, H.R. Haldeman.

Faced with impeachment, Nixon resigned in August 1974.

In the 1973 telephone conversation, Haig told Nixon if he resigned it would let down his supporters.

"Yeah," said the president, "but they're such a small group, Al."

"No, sir," replied Haig. "That's not so. They're all with you. It would be the greatest shock this country ever had."

The exchange was included among 201 hours of tape the government released for public hearing, a rich vein of information for historians and Watergate addicts.

Even though researchers have fought long to hear the tapes, fulfillment of their wish may prove to be a thorny task. The National Archives, which has custody of the tapes, has not made transcripts, but is making a 27,000-page tape log and a 200-page conversation list available.

The archives warned "conversations may be difficult to hear and understand."

Christopher Beam, an historian at Bates College in Maine and a former archivist who has listened to the tapes, said "they document what was going on in the cockpit of the American political system. There is no other collection of records quite like them."

Nixon had the taping system installed in February 1971 in the Oval Office, the Cabinet Room and his hideaway office in the Old Executive Office Building. It was voice-activated and synchronized with a Secret Service system that kept track of the president's room-to-room movement in the White House and his Camp David, Md., retreat.

The microphones picked up every sound, often obscuring conversation. The sound of a coffee cup being placed into a saucer became jarring. A lawn mower on the White House lawn or an ambulance going full-siren down Pennsylvania Avenue could be a nerve-jangling distraction.

The system was dismantled after former aide Alexander Butterfield revealed its existence in testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee in July 1973.

Nixon's estate gave up a 21-year fight last April to preserve the tapes' secrecy, agreeing to release all but the most private of the 3,700 hours. There are 820 hours in that category and they were being returned to Nixon's daughters. The former president died in April 1994.

To date, only 63 hours have been accessible to public hearing; about half of those were played for the jury at the cover-up trial that sent three of Nixon's top aides — H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John Mitchell — to prison.

Not until the next century will any of the recordings be heard outside of the archives' facility in College Park, Md. No recording devices are allowed in the research room and no tapes can be taken from the building.



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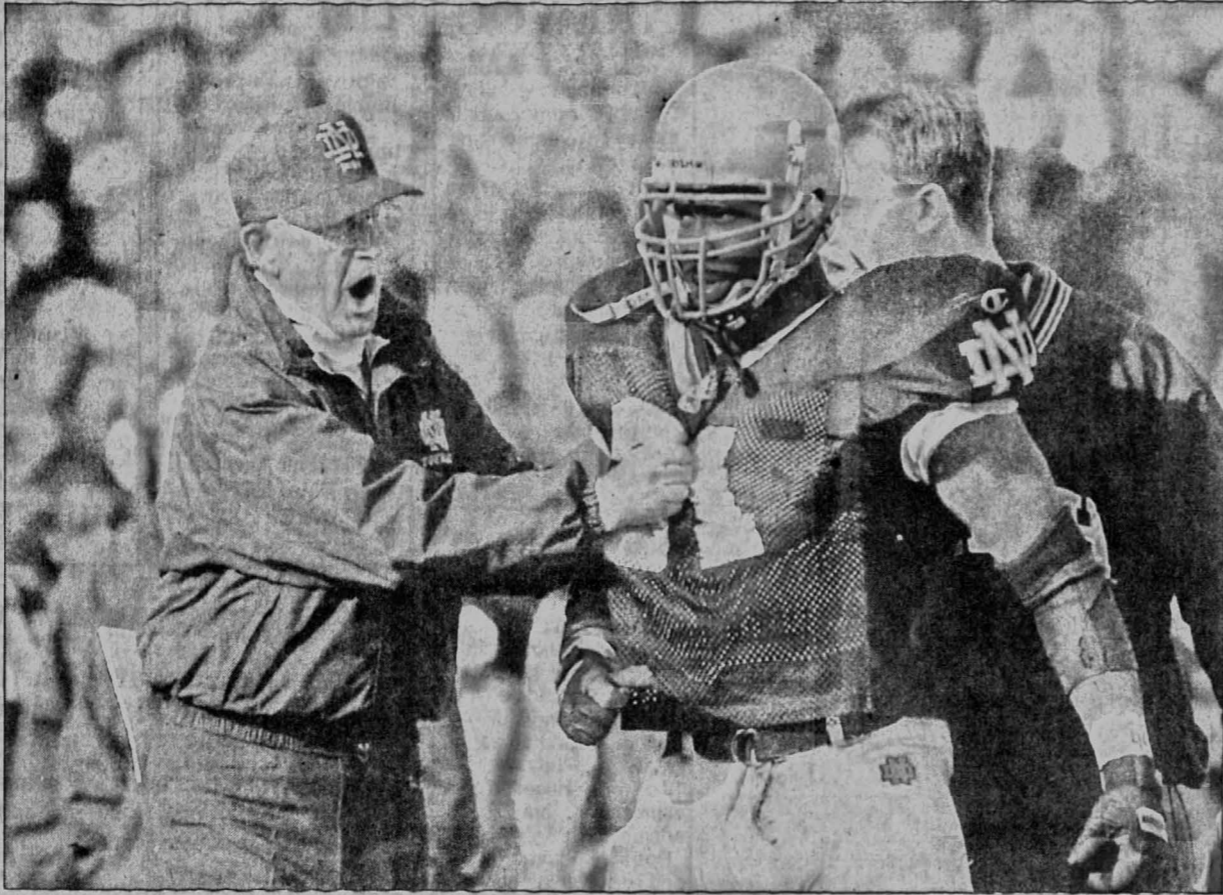
EVANSTON, Ill. — Gary Barnett had faced this type of audience before: TV lights glaring in his eyes and questions about his future as Northwestern's football coach coming at him from every angle.

Was he staying to honor a 12-year contract he signed in May or bolting for the more prestigious, tradition-rich program at Notre Dame now that Lou Holtz is ready to leave? Holtz is scheduled to resign Tuesday, and reports say Barnett has already been contacted about the job.

"I have too much respect for coach Holtz and Notre Dame to offer anything toward that speculation," Barnett said Monday.

"I am not going to confirm or deny anything at this point in time."

A year ago, as he led Northwestern to the Rose Bowl, Barnett was wooed by UCLA and Georgia. He sidestepped the distractions until the team returned from Pasadena, decided to stay and then four months later finally signed a 12-year deal for a reported \$5 million.



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Notre Dame's Lou Holtz gives instructions to Robert Farmer during the second quarter against Pittsburgh Saturday. Holtz is expected to announce his resignation as head coach today. Northwestern's Gary Barnett is the leading candidate to replace Holtz.

Now that he's taken Northwestern to another stellar season — 9-2 and 7-1 in the Big Ten with a bowl bid forthcoming — Barnett is being courted again.

"I don't think you ever say 'ever' or 'always.' I don't know at this point in time," he said when asked if he would still be coaching Northwestern next season.

There is a buyout clause in his contract. How much would it cost Notre Dame to get Barnett?

"Lots," Northwestern athletic director Rick Taylor said Monday without giving specifics.

"I will guarantee I will make in my mind a right decision — if a decision is called for. At this point in time there is no decision to make and I am going to get our team ready for a bowl game. That's where all my efforts and thoughts are."

Barnett has said previously that exploring options is the responsible

thing to do. "It's America," he said.

There are ties to South Bend for Barnett, too. Notre Dame board member Arnold Weber is the former president of both Colorado and Northwestern, and helped lure Barnett to Evanston; and Notre Dame board Chairman Andrew J. McKenna is a close acquaintance of Barnett's.

## COACH SEIFERT TO MAKE FINAL DECISION

### Doctors clear 49ers' Young to play

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Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Steve Young, sidelined since sustaining his second concussion of the season, received medical clearance Monday to resume playing. That may not be enough, however, to get him back into the 49ers' starting lineup.

San Francisco coach George Seifert said he'll decide within the next couple days whether to start Elvis Grbac next Sunday at Washington, or sit him down and play Young, who has missed all or parts of eight games this year because of injuries.

Young, the two-time league MVP and four-time season passing efficiency leader, watched from the sidelines Sunday as Grbac ran for a score and passed for another in a 38-20 victory over Baltimore. Grbac completed 26 of 31 passes for 268 yards, the fourth-best completion percentage (83.9) in team history to improve to 6-3 in his nine starts for Young over the last two years.

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Steve Young, San Francisco 49ers quarterback on his feelings toward getting back on the field.

Seifert said any reluctance to put Young back in the lineup stemmed from continuing safety concerns and had nothing to do with Grbac's play.

Young said he has taken the concussions seriously, been examined and re-examined by doctors and is comfortable with getting back on the field.

"If you want to be ultimately safe, just don't set the alarm clock and stay in bed. To me, cleared to play football means cleared to take some hits," Young said.

"I think his concern is a valid concern, something that I appreciate. I'm sobered over the whole issue. I've asked a thousand questions and I'm satisfied, and the doctors are satisfied."

But Seifert, apparently, isn't satisfied. According to Seifert, Young's groin strain, which has bothered him most of the season, is still an issue. Seifert is concerned Young has lost some of his mobility, leaving him more vulnerable to crushing hits such as the one delivered by Dallas linebacker Jim Schwantz.

That blow knocked Young out of the Nov. 10 game with his second concussion in three weeks. He sustained his first concussion Oct. 27 in a helmet-to-helmet collision with linebacker Micheal Barrow at Houston.

"He's released (medically) but can he in fact protect himself well enough at this time to where this

doesn't become a recurring situation," Seifert said. "I think what I've got to take into consideration is in this business, though people won't admit to it, the quarterback kind of becomes a target and he's that much more of a target than he's been before. That's something I've got to think about it."

The concerns voiced about the possible career-threatening effects of another serious concussion also have given Seifert pause about whether to allow Young to play yet.

He admitted Monday that he has at least considered the notion of resting Young for the rest of the season.

"I'm not suggesting that's what we're going to do but it's something that goes through my mind, certainly," Seifert said. "Now if Steve hears me talking like this, he goes nuts. But that's the competitor in Steve and I have to be able to deal with that."

Young said he expects to hear from Seifert with his decision by Tuesday.

For his part, Grbac he'll be ready either role, starting or backing up Young. After all, the quarterback picture has changed on an almost weekly basis in San Francisco this season.

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## HOLTZ

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to talk to the media, he'd let the media into the meetings. So I have no comment whatsoever."

Holtz's resignation ends nearly a week of speculation that he was leaving. He did nothing to deny it, saying at one point: "We can talk about this forever, but there isn't much I'm going to say. But there's a time and a place for everything."

Though there was some speculation Holtz might make his announcement earlier, Tuesday's news conference is the logical place. Local media are there, and national media participate via conference call.

With Holtz gone, speculation now turns to who will replace him. It was not immediately known if his successor would be announced Tuesday. Among the top contenders to take over college football's glamour job are Northwestern's Gary Barnett and Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie.

Others mentioned include LSU's Gerry DiNardo, former UCLA coach Terry Donahue and Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez.

Despite speculation about Holtz and the Vikings, team president Roger Headrick said Sunday that his team has had no official contact with Holtz.

But Headrick told the Star Tribune of Minneapolis and the Saint Paul Pioneer Press that he could not rule out that at least two board members might have discussed the former University of Minnesota coach's availability.

The 10th-ranked Irish (7-2) have two games remaining — at home against Rutgers and at Southern California. A bowl bid, probably the Orange or Fiesta, would close out Holtz's career at Notre Dame.

He is 99-29-2 at Notre Dame — six wins shy of tying Knute Rockne's Irish all-time victory record — and 215-94-7 overall. But he encountered rough times recently. Notre Dame lost 10 games in the last three seasons — more than his 1988-1993 squads lost combined.

His problems this year were due, in part, to his attempts to modernize his offense and make better use of Ron Powlus' throwing abilities. He abandoned his beloved running game for a spread offense, but his players never adjusted to it.

By the time he switched back midway through the season, the Irish had lost one game and their intensity. A loss to Air Force, which hadn't beaten Notre Dame since 1985, threatened hopes for a 10th-straight bowl bid and further frustrated Holtz.

Some have questioned if health played a role in Holtz's decision. A frail-looking man, he's had a series of health problems. He underwent emergency surgery last fall to relieve pressure on his spinal cord, a condition that could have caused paralysis if left untreated.

But he said before the season began that he'd never felt better.

"I've been more interested in doing things that maybe after 20-some years would get to be monotonous. They aren't now," he said. "I still have a burning desire to coach football."

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