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## Early finals provoke complaints

### Nearly 30 students voice concern over premature distribution of tests

**Brendan Brown**  
The Daily Iowan

UI students voiced complaints Wednesday against instructors who give finals before the designated finals week, and those hearing the complaints promised action.

UI Student Government President Marc Beltrame estimated he

received 30 complaints from students regarding professors scheduling early finals. Beltrame said he would contact James Lindberg, UI associate dean for Academic Programs in the College of Liberal Arts, about the concerns.

Beltrame said the practice of holding early finals is unfair to stu-

dents and against school policy.

"Final exams are supposed to be for finals week, not the week before," he said. "The policy is there; it's openly being broken and we need to enforce it. I would like to work through the College of Liberal Arts and with the administration."

Lindberg said he received three or four calls on Wednesday and plans to address those cases today. He said students wishing to register complaints should call the College of Liberal Arts.

"I'll be calling the departments in each case and asking them to investigate and take any actions

that might be necessary," he said. "I think it's a problem when (early finals) occur and students have multiple tests piling up on the last day of classes."

Lindberg said one response to student complaints about early finals would be to move the tests to

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Associated Press

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali chairs a meeting at the United Nations in New York Nov. 19.

## U.N. head opts out of bid for term No. 2

**Robert Reid**  
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Faced with unrelenting U.S. opposition, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali suspended his candidacy for a second term Wednesday, opening the way for new nominees for the top U.N. post.

Boutros-Ghali emphasized he still remains an official candidate, however, and supporters were said to be urging the Egyptian diplomat to stay in the race. The United States cast the lone veto against him in a first-round vote in the 15-member Security Council on Nov. 19.

"I'm still a candidate and still the only candidate for Africa," Boutros-Ghali said, adding he was merely asking the Security Council "not to vote again on my name until I will present my name" again.

In Washington, White House spokesperson James Fetig welcomed Boutros-Ghali's move, saying "that will allow for other well-qualified African candidates to be forwarded to the U.N. Security Council for consideration."

By U.N. tradition, Africa should get two consecutive terms for its representative as secretary-general.

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## Organic foods offer healthier way of life

**Tracy Potocki**  
The Daily Iowan

For many people, eating a healthy diet no longer means a simple trip to the local supermarket. Today, because so many consumers no longer feel safe eating processed food, they find themselves shopping at alternative grocery stores for organic products.

Gail Francis, an Iowa City resident and organic-food consumer, is worried about pesticide residue in her food and chooses to eat organically whenever she can.

"There have not been enough serious inquiries into pesticide use," Francis said. "The government is not set up to honestly evaluate what pesticides are doing to us."

The purchase of organic products in the United States has increased by 20 percent each year since 1990, said Pam Neenan, coordinator of the Organic Agri-

culture Program of the state Department of Agriculture.

Theresa Carbrey, education director for the New Pioneer Co-Op, 22 S. Van Buren St., said individuals choose to eat organic for three different reasons: an interest in personal health, health concerns for farmers and protecting the environment.

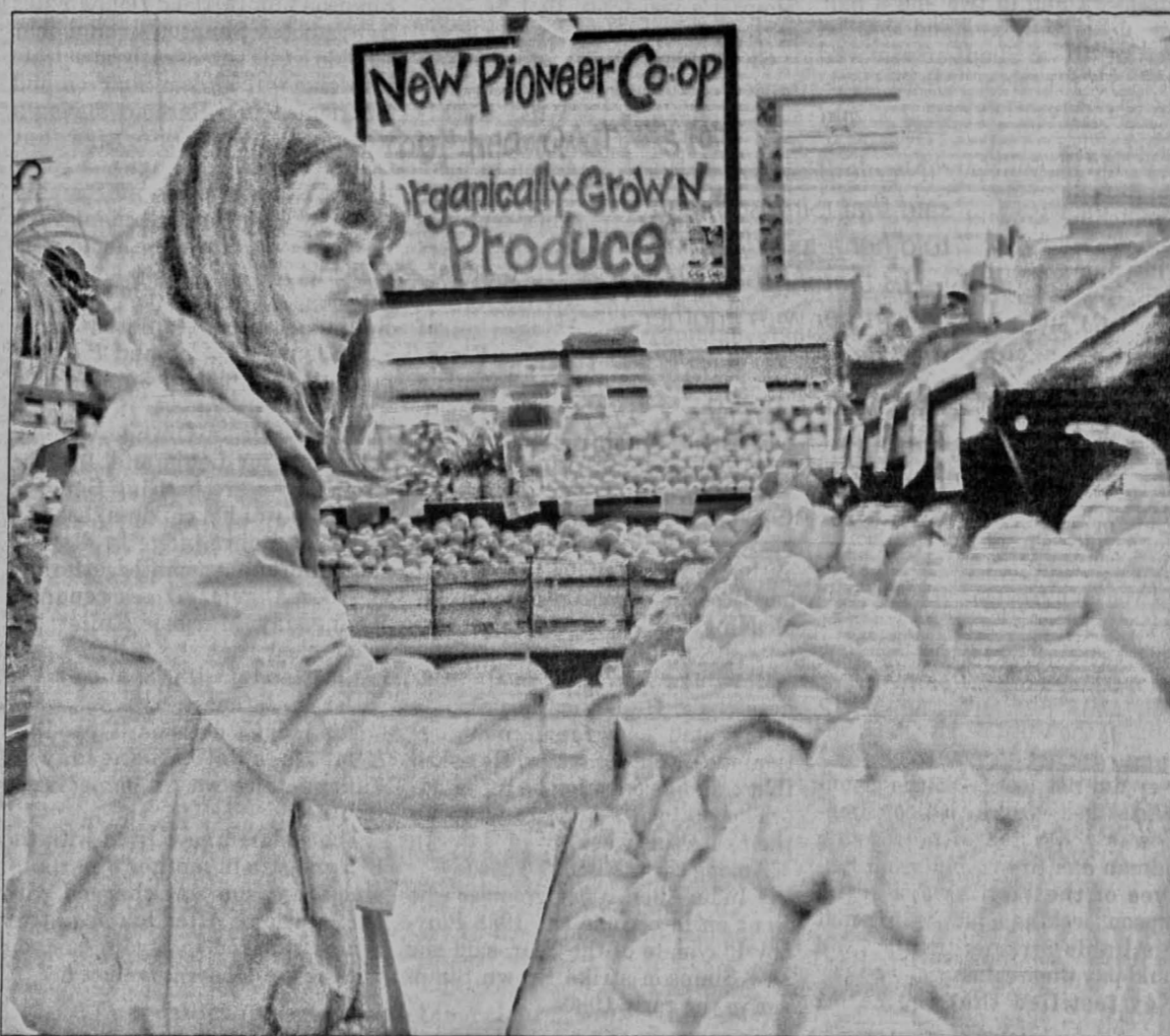
Organic is defined as a food product — excluding meat or poultry — that has been produced without the use of pesticides, hormones, antibiotics, herbicides, fungicides or synthetic fertilizers. Although grocery stores do not carry organic meat or poultry, producers can market organically fed livestock. The animals are free from hormone implantations and fed a healthy and consistent diet free of hormones and antibiotic additives, Carbrey said.

Francis, who said she always has been interested in eating organically but found the availability limited in her small town, said a friend's experience proved to her that eating organically was beneficial.

"I knew an organic farmer who was in a wheelchair," Francis said. "Being in a wheelchair with limited mobility, you'd think she would be more apt to getting sick, but since she began eating organic food she said she hadn't been sick a day."

UI microbiology Professor Michael Apicella said organic meat is more wholesome than mass-produced, hormone-injected livestock.

"There is a difference in the (organically fed) animals," Apicella said. "They are better, healthier pieces of meat."



David Cyprus/The Daily Iowan

Donna Tobias, a resident of Fairfield, Iowa, travels to Iowa City to buy organic food from the New Pioneer Co-Op, 22 S. Van Buren St.

Commercial sellers raise animals with the extensive use of antibiotics to promote the growth of cattle, he said, and effects on the long-range antibiotic resistance of consumers is unknown.

Lester Wilson, food science and human nutrition professor at Iowa State University, said the difference between organic and regularly processed food is undetectable to a consumer's eye. No studies have been done proving

nutritional differences, he said. "What we have to keep in mind is that just because something is labeled natural or organic doesn't mean it's safe," Wilson said.

If a product that falls to the ground is not cleaned properly or if animals producing the manure fertilizer were sick, then organic products can make consumers sick, Wilson said.

UI graduate student Cedar Nordbye grew up eating healthy

and said he is still very concerned about the products he consumes today. He said he tries to eat organic whenever he can.

"I always purchase organic celery because it's about 70 percent water and it absorbs anything you spray on it," Nordbye said.

Bill LaGrange, another food science and human nutrition professor at Iowa State, said he is

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### Pesticide Residues

Percentage of domestic and imported food samples with pesticide residues:

Strawberries	63%
Tomatoes	43%
Grapes	34%
Lettuce	32%
Apples	29%
Potatoes	22%
Bananas	1%
Corn	1%

Source: "Pesticide Alert"

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### LOCAL ECONOMY

## Effects of new mall on businesses a mystery

**Will Valet**  
The Daily Iowan

While Iowa City businesses shrug off the possible economic consequences of the multimillion-dollar Coral Ridge Mall, local shoppers are eagerly anticipating its opening.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the new mall took place Wednesday morning at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville. Six anchor stores have been officially named for the mall, one of which is JCPenney, which will move from Old Capitol Mall in downtown Iowa City.

Deirdre Castle, general manager of Old Capitol Mall, said although a replacement for the store has not been found, a new store will have positive effects for the Iowa City mall's welfare.

"We see (losing JCPenney) as an opportunity to bring in tenants that are better suited to our clientele," she said. "It could affect busi-



Brian Moore/The Daily Iowan

Wednesday marked the ground breaking of the new mall, which is slated to open in 1998. "We thought we'd choose an alternative approach to ground breaking, seeing how it is December," said John Bergstrom, vice president of development at General Growth Properties.

ness initially, but our market is different than the market (Coral Ridge Mall) will be going after."

Chuck Black, manager of the Old Capitol Mall's JCPenney, said the decision to move the store was made partially out of response to customer complaints about the downtown area of Iowa City.

"For reasons perceived or real, there's a lot of people who won't come to the downtown area to shop," Black said. "A lot of people have said it's because of the lack of parking, safety and general inconvenience."

John Beckord, president of the

Iowa City Chamber of Commerce, said the Coral Ridge Mall will help Iowa City businesses financially more than it will hurt them.

"Undoubtedly, retail establishments will go head-to-head and casualties will occur," he said. "But it's also going to act as a retail magnet over a 60-mile radius. A big percentage of shoppers at that mall will be attracted to other areas to shop, including downtown Iowa City. But it's going to be a crowded market."

Ernest Lehman, manager of

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### HOLIDAY TOYS

## Sesame Street may be only place to find Elmo

**Rachel Beck**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Surprised by soaring demand, the maker of Tickle Me Elmo is flying in the dolls instead of waiting for a slow boat from China. You'll be hard-pressed to find the latest Nintendo, too. And Barbie on CD-ROM is gone as well.

Barely one week into the holiday shopping season, the blood pressure is rising among moms and dads competing for the hottest Christmas toys.

"Parents are breaking down doors for some of these toys," said Frank Reysen, editor of *Playthings* magazine. "There's not just one hit this year, but a couple that everyone wants."

As in the Cabbage Patch Kids craze of 1983 and the frenzy over Holiday Barbie last year, parents are using guerrilla-shopper tactics. They're lining up by the hundreds before dawn at stores rumored to have the toys. In a phenomenon satirized in the new Arnold Schwarzenegger movie "Jingle All the Way," they're tugging and brawling to get a toy after the

doors open.

At a Target store in Davenport, a clerk handing an Elmo doll to a customer saw it intercepted by another customer.

"Grown people are willing to go pretty far for one of these dolls," said Jen Smith, a mother who couldn't find an Elmo at New York's FAO Schwarz store. "It's pretty crazy."

Stores can't keep Tickle Me Elmo in stock. It is a plush doll based on the Sesame Street character that giggles when you press its tummy. It sells for less than \$30.

Tyco Toys Inc. is flying the dolls

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Associated Press

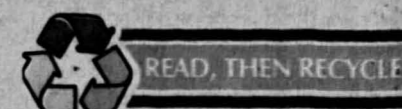
A Tickle Me Elmo doll is photographed Wednesday in New York. The maker of the doll is air freight-ing shipments in from China, caught off-guard by soaring demand.

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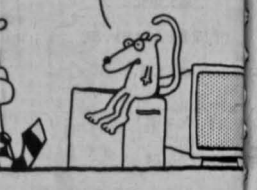


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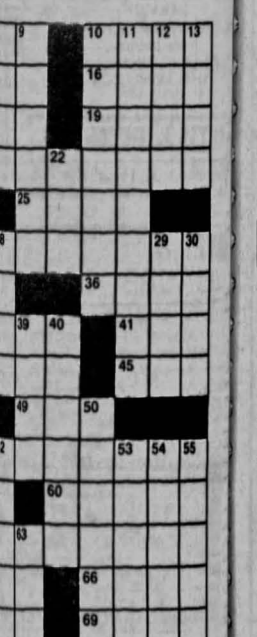
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## People in the News

### People

#### Trump claims he won \$20 million on Holyfield win

NEW YORK (AP) — The Donald claims he won \$20 million when Evander Holyfield knocked out Mike Tyson, but even the gamblers are betting it's a tall tale.

"I made the million-dollar bet, even though I thought Holyfield would actually lose," Trump told the *New York Daily News*. "You don't put 20-1 odds against a champion. I have to admit that I was surprised when Holyfield won. I bet the odds."

Bookmakers doubt the claim and Las Vegas gamblers said they hadn't heard about the bet, which the real estate tycoon said he placed in Las Vegas, the *News* reported Wednesday.

"As time goes by, there are more and more legendary stories of that night," Vinny Magliulo of Caesars Palace said.

Holyfield got \$11 million for winning Tyson's World Boxing Association heavyweight title with an 11th-round technical knockout in the Nov. 9 fight. Tyson got \$30 million.

#### Rapper faces up to 5 years in post-concert scuffle

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP) — It was rapper Keith Murray's post-performance at a nightclub that got him into trouble.

The 24-year-old Atlanta rapper was convicted Monday of assault for hitting the teenage brother of a promoter over the head with a bar stool.

He faces up to five years in prison at sentencing in January.

Murray was arguing over payment for his performance at The Sting in 1995 when things got out of hand, a prosecutor said.

"The Rhyme" is a top-selling single from Murray's *Enigma* album released last week.

His 1994 debut album, *The Most Beautiful Thing In This World*, went gold.

#### Redford seeks to spread author's word about the West

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Robert Redford wants one of his heroes — Pulitzer Prize-winning author Wallace Stegner — to become a household name.

Redford narrates a documentary about the historian of the American West that premiered Tuesday at the San Francisco Public Library's Wallace Stegner Environmental Center. Stegner died in 1993 at age 84.

"If there's anything that I can do that helps to bring this man's voice to a wide audience, then it's worth it," the 59-year-old actor said.

Stegner "was wonderful at maintaining and preserving the beauty of the West while dispelling the myth," said Redford, who thinks Americans are too uninformed about their environmental rights and legacy.

Stegner, a UI alumnus, won a 1971 Pulitzer for his novel "Angel of Repose."

In his writings on the American West, he revealed that cowboys made meager salaries and were regularly exploited by cattle barons.

### Shelter worker: 'Nicole' called in

Michael Fleeman  
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Five days before Nicole Brown Simpson's murder, a woman named Nicole called a battered women's shelter to report that her famous ex-husband had threatened to kill her, a shelter worker testified Wednesday.

The testimony of Nancy Ney, board member of Sojourn House, came over fierce defense objections it was hearsay and shouldn't be allowed in the wrongful death case against Simpson.

Ney said the call from the woman, who didn't give her last name, came at 11 a.m. June 7, 1994, and the caller expressed fear of her ex-husband.

"She said that he had told her a few different times that if he ever caught her with another man he would kill her," Ney said.

Ney was the latest in a line of witnesses called to contradict Simpson's claim in two and a half days on the witness stand that he never hit Brown Simpson, who was killed with her friend Ronald Goldman on June 12, 1994.

Ney said the caller gave details of her life matching Brown Simpson's.

The woman said she had a famous ex-husband, lived in west Los Angeles and had two children — a boy and a girl under 10 — and her age was mid-30s.

Ney also said the caller's voice sounded like Brown Simpson's voice on a 1993 tape of a call to 911.

Defense attorney Robert Baker, in a fierce cross-examination, suggested the shelter cooked up details of the call to boost its fundraising.

Ney did not testify at the criminal trial last year in which Simpson was acquitted of murdering Goldman and Brown Simpson. Relatives of the victims are suing Simpson, seeking a jury ruling that he is liable for the killings and should pay them damages.

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#### 25-50 YEARS

### Man sentenced for talk-show slaying

John Hughes  
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — A man who killed a gay admirer who had revealed his crush and hugged him on the "Jenny Jones Show" was sentenced Wednesday to 25-50 years in prison.

Jonathan Schmitz, 26, faced a life sentence for the murder of Scott Amedure in a case that focused attention on "ambush television" and the tactics TV producers use to bring guests onto daytime talk shows.

"I'd like to say the word sorry," Schmitz told Judge Francis O'Brien before his sentence. "The word 'sorry' is a very powerful word. It has a lot of meaning, and it is meant."

The judge said he took Schmitz' illness into account — his defense lawyers said he had been fighting alcoholism, depression and a thyroid condition when the show's producers ambushed him and pushed him over the edge.

However, "you still have to be accountable to society," said O'Brien, who added two more years on a weapons charge.



Nancy Ney (left), a counselor from a battered women's shelter, is swarmed by the media after her testimony in Los Angeles County Superior Court during the wrongful-death civil trial of O.J. Simpson.

reported her ex-husband had been stalking her, turning up at a restaurant, a supermarket and driving behind her.

"She said that she was very frightened," Ney said. "She said that her ex-husband had been calling her on the phone. He had been doing these calls begging her to please come back to him."

She also said he had beaten her in the past.

It was the second court session since the long Thanksgiving weekend that left jurors time to ponder Simpson's insistence that he "never" beat Brown Simpson.

On Monday, friends and acquaintances, including boyhood friend Al "A.C." Cowlings, were called to poke holes in Simpson's testimony.

With the TV screen image of Brown Simpson looming over his shoulder, a reluctant Cowlings admitted she told him Simpson had

"He hit her across the face and her glasses and her headband flew off," she said.

• Pharmacist Albert Aguilera recounted a separate fight between Simpson and Brown Simpson on the beach in Laguna Beach shortly before the July Fourth weekend in 1986.

"Suddenly, he slapped her and she fell down," Aguilera said. "He swung his right hand and hit her across the face and she went down."

• Tennis pro Jackie Cooper and Simpson family friend Donna Estes contradicted Simpson's claim that he didn't talk incessantly about his problems with Brown Simpson and girlfriend Paula Barbieri during a weekend in Palm Springs just weeks before the killings.

The witnesses also said Simpson had spoken of an argument with Barbieri that drove her home from that trip.

• Simpson golfing partner Craig Baumgarten contradicted Simpson's denial that he and Barbieri quarreled the night before the slayings.

Meanwhile in Orange County, attorneys for Louis and Juditha Brown, who are battling Simpson for custody of his children, asked a Superior Court judge to dismiss the children's appointed attorney, the *Los Angeles Times* reported Wednesday. Marjorie Fuller has made clear that she believes Sydney, 11, and Justin, 8, should live with their father.

The judge's decision is pending. A message left Wednesday at Fuller's office wasn't immediately returned.

The children have lived with the Browns, their mother's parents, since Simpson was charged with the murders. After his acquittal, Simpson asked to regain custody, but the grandparents refused.

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The Daily Iowan

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### WILDLIFE I.C. sees in

Renee Bovy  
The Daily Iowan

Herds of deer trekking across Iowa City roads are causing concern for local residents, who are disturbed about the increase in the deer population and automobile accidents.

UI professor of religion Robert Baird, who hit a deer with his car six weeks ago, said he has noticed a problematic increase in the deer population. While driving on North Dodge Street at 5 a.m., Baird noticed a herd of deer crossing the road. He said the accident, which caused \$1,000 in car damage, may not have killed the deer.

"There is no question there is a problem; there are a heck of a lot of deer in Iowa City," Baird said. "Six weeks ago I saw quite a few deer cross the road and thought they were all gone, but one must have turned around to come back across."

"Then I heard a loud whump or

### FACULTY ASSEMBLY Improvemen

Will Valet and Jennifer Cassell  
The Daily Iowan

Cultural diversity and the growth of multimedia classes were among the suggestions UI Provost Jon Whitmore made for improving the UI College of Liberal Arts during the Faculty Assembly meeting Tuesday.

Whitmore spoke in response to a 50-page evaluation of the College of Liberal Arts and a reaction to the evaluation written by former Interim Provost Samuel Becker. The review was based on interviews with faculty members and College of Liberal Arts department heads.

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Mary Jo Small, vice president for Finance and University Services, said the fact that the UI has such a large health-care institution may have contributed to the UI's

high ranking. "We are this mammoth institution with various types of employment, especially with a hospital; it's not surprising that we are slightly higher than other state Regent institutions," Small said. "But we are also lower than other state agencies."

Small said employees who work in the UI Hospitals and Clinics must maintain high standards of cleanliness and infrastructure, which requires more usage of sick leave because employees must remain at home for infections or sickness. This fact could account for the amount of sick leave taken within the UI.

"In general, sick leave tends to vary by occupation than anything else, especially in health care, and the proportion of people we have working jobs that require more physical labor in the hospital," Small said.

UI journalism Professor Carolyn Dyer said she isn't surprised sick leave usage at the UI is the highest of the three regent institutions, especially due to recent downsizing within the UIHC.

"I wouldn't be surprised that the incredible stress caused by the downsizing in the hospital contributed to an increased use of sick leave by some employees," Dyer said. "In some respects, the staffing has been cut, so there are fewer workers to do the same jobs which could also lead to stress, which can make one vulnerable to some types of illness."

Small said, however, the UI faculty — not including UIHC employees and other staff — tends to use fewer sick-leave days on the average than Iowa State University's faculty.

The cost of sick-leave days taken by all UI employees came up to a cost of \$10,599,796, adding to the record amount of money used by state employees for sick leave.

Rhodes said most of the cost for UI employees' time off does not come from taxpayers' pockets. State money makes up only a portion of the UI's \$1.4 million budget.

"Unlike other state agencies, we have numerous sources of funds," Rhodes said. "Only 23 percent of our funds come directly from the state."

# Jews illuminate Festival of Lights

Tracy Potocki  
The Daily Iowan

Tonight at sundown, Jewish students will light Menorah candles in celebration of the beginning of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights.

The eight-day holiday is rooted in the story of the Maccabees' victory over Syrian rule. After winning a victory that returned their religious freedom, the Maccabees returned to their temple. They found enough oil in the temple to light a candle for one day, but the oil miraculously lasted eight days.

"Hanukkah is a celebration of a miracle," said Dan Orenstein, a UI senior and president of the Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market St.

The lighting of the Menorah, an eight-branch candelabra with an additional branch from which all other candles are lit, is the primary way Jews commemorate the holiday.

A candle is lit each of the eight evenings at sundown until the final night, when all the candles have been lit. On the first night of Menorah lighting, three prayers are said. Each additional evening, the light-

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ing of the Menorah is followed by two prayers.

"Hanukkah is a happy holiday," UI senior and former Hillel President Ian Dubin said. "Traditionally, it's a time spent with family and friends lighting the Menorah, eating Latkes (potato pancakes) and giving presents."

Synagogues hold no special services for the Hanukkah holiday, Orenstein said.

He said candles will be lit at Hillel every night of the eight-day celebration. Hanukkah is a time to rejoice — a time to be with friends and socialize, Orenstein said.

Dubin said although Hanukkah is an important holiday, it has been built up and commercialized because it falls near Christmas. He

said he doesn't have to celebrate Hanukkah with his family.

"To me, Hanukkah is a laid-back holiday," Dubin said.

Orenstein, who has celebrated Hanukkah at the UI for the past few years, said being away from his family during the holiday does not bother him.

"This is my fourth year doing it," said Orenstein. "I feel fine about celebrating here at school. What's important is being with people you care about. I have friends here who I consider family."

Friday night, a general Shabbat dinner will be held at the Hillel following the lighting of the Hanukkah candles, and a special gift exchanging Hanukkah party will be held at the Hillel Sunday night at 7 after the lighting of the candles.

UI senior Adam Fox said with finals right around the corner, now is not a likely time to be going home. He plans to attend the Shabbat dinner on Friday and the gift exchange party Sunday night at the Hillel.

"Celebrating the holiday at the UI is not the same as being home with your family, but it's the next best alternative," he said.

WILDLIFE

# I.C. sees influx in automobile-deer accidents

Renee Bovy  
The Daily Iowan

Herds of deer trekking across Iowa City roads are causing concern for local residents, who are disturbed about the increase in the deer population and automobile accidents.

UI professor of religion Robert Baird, who hit a deer with his car six weeks ago, said he has noticed a problematic increase in the deer population. While driving on North Dodge Street at 5 a.m., Baird noticed a herd of deer crossing the road. He said the accident, which caused \$1,000 in car damage, may not have killed the deer.

"There is no question there is a problem; there are a heck of a lot of deer in Iowa City," Baird said. "Six weeks ago I saw quite a few deer cross the road and thought they were all gone, but one must have turned around to come back across."

"Then I heard a loud whump on

the side of the car — a deer had run right into me," he said. "After the deer hit, I stopped the car to see what damage had been done. The deer's head must have hit the side mirror because that was torn off and there was hair on the fender, but the deer was gone."

Baird said he returned to the sight of the accident after it was light out. However, he said he found no evidence of the deer.

Sgt. Jim Steffen of the Iowa City Police Department said North Dodge Street toward Iowa City is one of the most heavily populated areas with deer and the site of many car-deer accidents. In 1995, there were 19 car-deer accidents within the Iowa City limits, causing \$14,750 in damages. So far this year, there have been 20 car-deer accidents, causing a little more than \$10,000 in damages.

The majority of the accidents take place during deer mating sea-

son in late October and November, Steffen said. However, car-deer accidents within the city limits are usually not very serious and result in property damage, and not bodily injury, he said.

UI senior Arin Wilken's car was damaged after he hit a deer while traveling to Iowa City on Highway 380.

"It was 2 a.m. and I was driving home when I saw deer running in a field," he said. "Suddenly one bounced up the hill and I tried to swerve a little bit, but it ran right into me. It was like a big jolt, like hitting a really big bump."

Wilken said he stopped his car and looked for the deer, but it was gone. Although the deer caused damage to his car, he did not have it assessed or repaired.

Larry Mitzner of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources said the deer population had been increasing. In the last few years,

however, the rise in numbers has become more steady. There are pockets in the state of Iowa where the population is still increasing, including Johnson County, he said.

Hunting regulations are some reasons for the increase in the deer population. Regulations were activated to let the population increase to ensure future deer-hunting opportunities. However, Mitzner said now the population necessitates new hunting regulations that have been enacted to control the population.

"In many counties where they are trying to stabilize the deer population, hunters are required to shoot does," Mitzner said.

Randy Haas, the U.S. Army Corps Supervisory Park Ranger, said the mountain bike trails at the Sugar Bottom recreation area near North Liberty will be closed for the entire month of December for hunting.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY

# Improvements suggested for College of Liberal Arts

Will Valet and Jennifer Cassell  
The Daily Iowan

Cultural diversity and the growth of multimedia classes were among the suggestions UI Provost Jon Whitmore made for improving the UI College of Liberal Arts during the Faculty Assembly meeting Tuesday.

Whitmore spoke in response to a 50-page evaluation of the College of Liberal Arts and a reaction to that evaluation written by former Interim Provost Samuel Becker. The review was based on interviews with faculty members and College of Liberal Arts department heads.

Whitmore took over as provost in

August. Becker is now a UI professor emeritus in the Department of Communication Studies.

Becker's response to the report was discussed at a July meeting of the Executive Committee. He said the report showed the College needs to make its programs more distinct and innovative.

"The purpose of the review was to prepare the College for the changing needs of the students in the 21st century," Becker said.

Whitmore said he agrees with Becker's suggestion to attempt to attract more students by making the UI College of Liberal Arts stand out among other universities.

Greater cultural diversity in the faculty and student body are necessary for the College, Whitmore said.

"There were about 70 new faculty members hired last year, only a handful of which were minorities," he said. "We can do a better job of bringing a diverse group of people to this campus."

Another improvement Whitmore suggested was an increase of classes that teach students how to utilize multimedia technology.

"We need to teach people not only how to write and present themselves, but to communicate in multimedia," he said. "We'll have peo-

ple flocking from all over the country to come here and learn these things."

Becker suggested the College of Liberal Arts break into smaller parts and specialize its programs.

"The different institutions (within the College) need to find particular roles," he said. "We need to ask, 'What can we do uniquely at the UI so that students would come here for particular reasons? What can we do well that others can't do well?'"

Whitmore said he is considering Becker's suggestions and plans on adding some of his own during the coming months.

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# Viewpoints

## Quotable

"I told my mom that's what I want and she said she'd get it. She'll find it somewhere — she better."

12-year-old Cocksackie, N.Y., native **Jason Donnelly**, on the shortage of Nintendo systems across America

## Questioning those who think Tupac isn't really dead

Some of my friends keep telling me Tupac Shakur is not dead. The conversation usually sounds like this:

"No way, the man is dead and gone so let him rest."

"James, I'm telling you there is a possibility that Tupac faked his death."

The recent releases by Tupac in music videos, a CD, and two upcoming films are causing some people to wonder about his death. Shortly after Tupac's murder, Death Row Records released the video, "I Ain't Mad at You," which foretold his murder. The video, starring Tupac and filmed before his death, shows him getting shot, killed and going to heaven.

Several weeks after the shooting, Death Row Records released Tupac's latest album, *Makaveli*. The LP features the single, "Toss it Up." A video for the single was released a week before the album. It was filmed before his death — or was it?

I argue that modern technology plays a factor in Tupac's recent exposure. Some people are telling me it is too coincidental. But they are not alone. The suspicion has even spread among the celebrities — Chuck D of Public Enemy in particular. I searched the Internet for some answers to this weird controversy and I found "CHUCK D'S

### James McCurtis Jr.

18 COMPELLING REASONS WHY 2PAC IS NOT DEAD.

Chuck D says Tupac always wore a bulletproof vest, but wonders why he did not have one on at the time of the murder. He also says the memorial services that were open to the public were canceled in Los Angeles and Atlanta.

Here are the top 12 reasons why Chuck D thinks Tupac is not really dead:

12. Tupac's vehicle got shot 12 times and Suge didn't get hit once. He was "grazed" by a bullet. Why did Tupac get shot all of those times while Suge did not get hit at all?
11. Las Vegas is still very much a mob town. No one gets killed on the strip. You have to pretty much get permission in order for something like this to happen. Who was calling the shots on this one?
10. There were no ballistic tests. ... At least, we haven't heard about them.
9. Tupac was cremated the day after he died. Since when does someone get cremated the day after a murder. There was no autopsy.
8. Las Vegas is in the middle of the desert. How come there was no helicopter chase? If someone was to rob a casino, the Las Vegas Police Department would have chased the robber down with some helicopters. How come this didn't happen with the Tupac shooting?
7. The cover of his new album has Tupac looking like Jesus Christ. Could he be planning a resurrection?
6. The name of Tupac's new album is *Makaveli*, named for Niccolò Machiavelli, an Italian war strategist who faked his death to foil his enemies. Perhaps Tupac is doing the same thing.
5. The white Cadillac containing the gunmen passed an entourage of Tupac's boys, many of them bodyguards. No one gives it a question and there are no witnesses. There were no witnesses on the street. Why not?
4. There's a small Black community on the north side of town. This trip is only about eight blocks long. The attackers were Black. Where did they go? Where did they hide?
3. The white Cadillac containing the assailants were never found. How could this be when Vegas is in the middle of a desert?
2. Las Vegas is a payoff city, meaning all sorts of folks have been known to be on the take ... doctors, press, lawyers, etc.
- And the No. 1 reason why Tupac is not dead (according to Chuck D) is:

Tupac died on Friday the 13th.

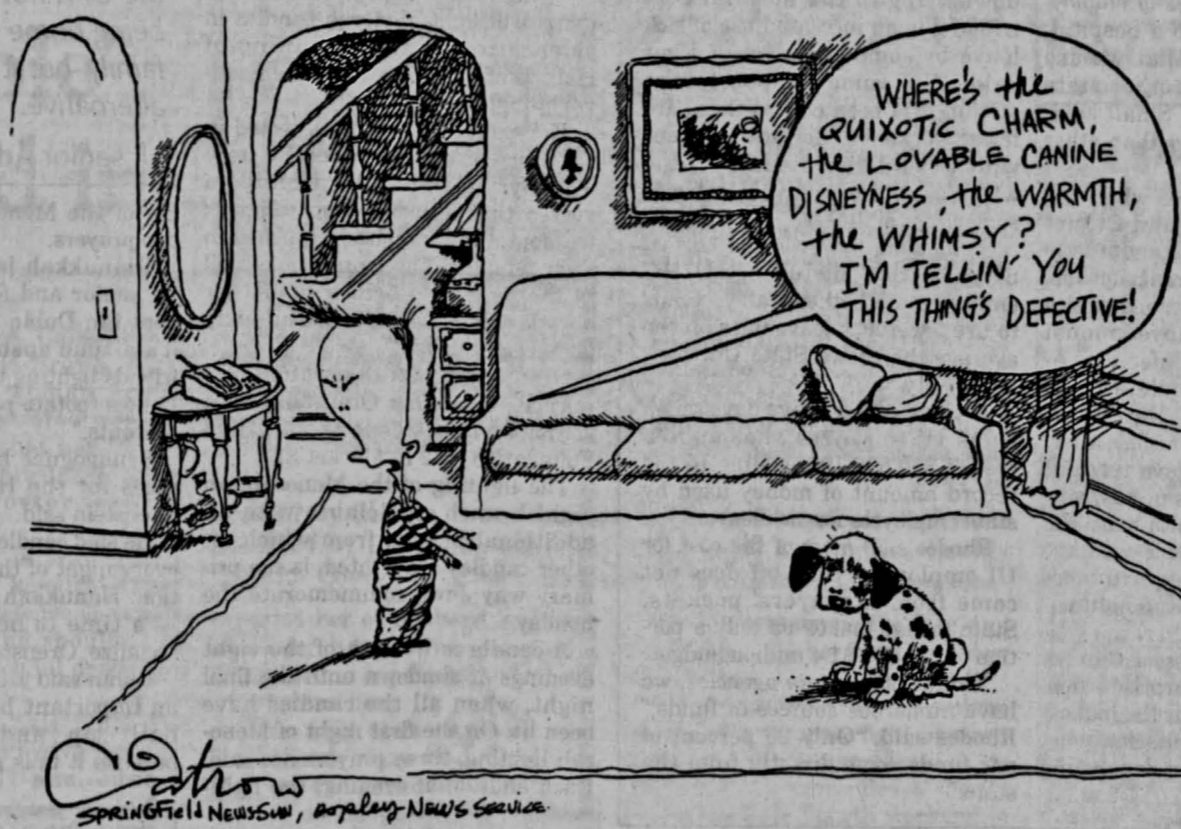
Convinced? I don't think I am quite sold on the idea. But wherever Tupac is, dead or alive, may he rest in peace or in life.

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## The real value of Christmas gifts

The holidays have become a time of stress, penny pinching and sacrifice for many UI students. It is hard to celebrate such an outrageous holiday spending contest.

Like many students, UI freshman Ben Greenbowe is less than thrilled about the prospects of this holiday season. For Greenbowe, the holidays are more about stress on finances than anything.

"Going on welfare or begging for money on the Ped Mall aren't really options," he said. "I am thinking about donating plasma."

Many more squeamish students are desperately looking for holiday spending money in other creative ways. Handmade signs are up all over the residence halls advertising student sales ranging from papers to snow boards, lofts to Subaru wagons and much, much more.

Of course, college students aren't the only ones feeling the pull to spend this holiday season. The holidays have become synonymous with shopping for people of all ages. Analysts at the National Retail Federation are predicting national holiday sales this season of \$460 billion, one-fourth of the what retailers hope to take for the entire year.

The true gifts of the holidays don't require anything in return.

Clearly, holiday spending is out of control. As UI sophomore Buffy Quintero put it, "It's totally commercialized. It's gross how much people spend on Christmas gifts, and half of it's just junk!"

Holiday shopping has become a vicious cycle. Holiday gifts have become holiday trades. Too many people give what they expect to get back, spending too much and having nothing but a fruitcake to show for it afterward.

Most students find themselves trapped in this cycle — trying to squeeze all they can out of their budgets because of the intense pressure to reciprocate gifts, appear generous and make others feel good. Who wants to be the only one not to get the boss a gift? Who wants to be called selfish or inconsiderate? Who wants to explain to the person who just delivered a beautifully wrapped box that paying off student loans is just more important than buying presents this year?

Fortunately, things may not be as bad as they appear. It is more a problem of perception than one of actual attitudes. For example, Greenbowe said he feels pressure to spend money he doesn't have on his girlfriend. Yet, when asked what his girlfriend would say to a gift she knew was bought with his plasma, Greenbowe responded, "I know exactly what she would do. She would kick my butt."

Actually, it isn't necessary to sacrifice cells or property to make loved ones happy for the holidays. Despite all the hype, confusion and influence of big business, the holidays are still about being with those who matter, being generous with love and not money and sacrificing time, not material things.

The true gifts of the holidays don't require anything in return. This holiday season, consider a holiday without desperate runs to the mall or bounced checks. Think of eggnog by warm fires, quietly falling snowflakes and most importantly, gifts of love, peace and happiness. These are real gifts, for they are priceless and can be given all year long in the form of a heartfelt smile and a thank you.

Jessica Shoemaker is an editorial writer and UI freshman.



## How do you plan to pay for your Christmas gifts?



"I'm going to steal them all."  
Stephen Elsasser  
UI senior



"Credit card."  
Theresa Rankin  
UI junior



"I'm going to use my financial aid check."  
Ami Garvey  
UI senior



"Savings out of the checking account."  
Jenny Meyer  
UI junior



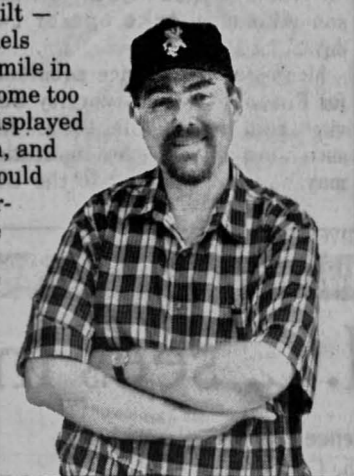
"I'm not going to buy any."  
Gene Tabb  
UI junior

## Lessons of life and death from the AIDS quilt

The Names Project AIDS Quilt has been in the news over the last few weeks. In October, the entire quilt was displayed on the Mall in Washington, D.C. At that time, Names Project leaders announced

that the entire quilt — 45,000 3-by-6 panels stretching over a mile in length — had become too large to ever be displayed in one place again, and future displays would consist only of portions of the entire quilt.

A sliver of the quilt was on display at the UI Museum of Art last weekend. A larger portion — about 14,000 panels — was on display at Augustana College in



James A. Bartlett

Rock Island in honor of World AIDS Day, which was last Sunday.

Some quilt panels are as simple as headstones, with just a name, dates of birth and death and maybe a line or two of poetry. Others are more elaborate, with handwritten messages from family and friends. Some panels have mementos of the deceased on them — matchbooks from bars, photos of pets, favorite T-shirts and that sort of thing. Some are tasteful, some are tacky and some get in your face — like the panel featuring several sexually explicit photos, honoring a man who apparently published a gay porno magazine, or the one that honors all of the people with AIDS who committed suicide rather than live with the disease.

Some of the panels simply stop you in your tracks. One with balloons and teddy bears on it is in memory of a 2-year-old girl. Another is for a husband and wife in their 70s. Still another commemorates a dozen members of a California dance club, all dead within a three-year span.

After you've wandered among the panels for a while, the room starts to feel smaller, as the reality represented by the quilt starts closing in. College professors, Harley riders, bartenders, grade-school teachers, actors, engineers, musicians, husbands and fathers, wives and daughters, pairs of lovers memorialized on the same panel, panels from every state, from other countries, in different languages, some elaborately stitched and silk-screened, others made with magic markers on a section of bed sheet, some with expressions of love, some with humor, some with anger, in a rainbow of colors, 14,000 panels, each panel the size of a grave, representing over 14,000 people, all dead and you realize that for every death commemorated in this room there were thousands more, and you think maybe you'd like to go home now — but you stay, and look and think.

Here's one of the things you think about. According to the Names Project, many AIDS victims are cremated, so there's no headstone to serve as a monument for remembrance by family and friends.

In many cases, an individual's quilt panel serves that function. Many people with AIDS design their own panels before they die.

And so I wonder: How would each of us choose to be remembered, if we had a 3-by-6 space in which to do it? Jim Bartlett — aspiring high-school teacher, radio guy, Packers fan, cat owner, writer of decent columns and bad fiction, voracious reader, amateur historian, cheesehead, husband, uncle, liberal and connoisseur of chocolate doughnuts, diet cola and Steely Dan.

But is that all there is to me? Is the similar list you could brainstorm in a few minutes all there is to you? Of course not. A list is just a list. What and who we really are is something more than just the sum of our parts. That something is difficult to capture in a finite space, but it's in our nature to try. When we do it on behalf of someone who's gone, or on behalf of those we will leave behind when we go, it's an act of love.

As I drove away from Augustana, I thought about something else. A lot of people talk about AIDS without knowing much beyond what they read in the paper — myself included. People like me maintain just enough concern to keep our liberal credentials intact, but we also allow ourselves the luxury of keeping a safe distance.

Once you've seen the quilt, however, it's harder to maintain that sense of detachment. Especially when there are so many panels for people who were born the same year you were. People who live in the same town you do. People whose life stories, as displayed on their quilt panels, could be your own, but for the accidents of time, geography or fate.

People like me have justified our detachment by saying, "I don't know anybody with AIDS." But now that I've seen the quilt, I can't say that anymore.

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## Dave Barn to un-usua

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# Dave Barry's annual guide to unusual holiday gifts, Part 1

Dave Barry

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We have to admit we here at the Gift Guide did not actually purchase this item because it costs thousands of dollars and we are not clinically insane. But we definitely think you should buy it.

This is a camera that's mounted on the head of a dog and attached to an audio and video transmitter strapped to the dog's body; the

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According to the manufacturer's brochure, the system — which is called the Wireless Operational Link & Video Exploration System, or WOLVES — is mainly intended for use with trained dogs, to provide surveillance in situations where it would be dangerous to send in a human, such as a hostage-taking or building collapse.

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Look for Part II of Dave Barry's Holiday Gift Guide Friday in this same space.

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## Metro & Iowa

### Council mulls county sales tax

Melanie Mesaros  
The Daily Iowan

Iowa City has all the power — if a 1 percent Johnson County sales tax is put on the ballot.

Councilor Karen Kubby said in a work session Wednesday night with the Johnson County Board of Supervisors that if Iowa City were to say yes to the local-option sales tax, then it will go into effect for all of Johnson County. Iowa City has the largest population and holds the majority of votes, she said.

"Either the county can put it on the ballot or Iowa City can because we are the largest portion of population for all the contiguous areas," Kubby said.

One of the terms for the sales tax is its use must be specified and a time limit must be imposed, City Attorney Linda Woito said.

Kubby said the sales-tax issue

was brought up by last year's council and no one could decide on a use for the \$4.5 million a year the tax would generate for Iowa City.

"Last spring when the council talked about it, we couldn't come to a conclusion about what to do with it," Kubby said.

Woito said the money can be designated for different purposes according to periods of time, but it has never been done that way before in Iowa.

"I would not recommend more than two time frames," Woito said. "For instance, from year 1997 to 1999, X percent of the revenue would be used for water and then another year, you have X percent for other purposes."

However, Woito said the Johnson County Board of Supervisors has the power to repeal the tax at the end of calendar quarters.

Councilor Dee Vanderhoef said

the money might be used to lessen the stiff Iowa City water rates if they decide to put the tax on the ballot.

Councilor Ernie Lehman said the community is requesting more services, and a cost comes along with providing the additional services.

Iowa City Mayor Naomi Novick said downtown businesses should be one of the greatest benefactors from the tax, not the losers.

"I think the downtown businesses are going to be supportive because they are the ones asking us for more services," Novick said.

Councilor Dean Thornberry said he is unsure about taking the tax to the ballot stage.

Novick said another meeting will be set up in January for city officials, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the general public to discuss the local sales-tax option.

### Midwest passenger train network proposed

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Business interests and environmentalists have endorsed a campaign for new high-speed and conventional railroad passenger service in the Midwest.

The nine-state proposal, with Chicago as the hub of the network, was outlined Tuesday during a news conference in which spokespersons said mass transit can help the economy while reducing automotive traffic pollution.

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Amtrak and the Federal Railroad Administration are financing a \$668,000 feasibility study.

Congressional budget-cutters have affected the subsidies avail-

able to Amtrak, but the government remains interested in funding high-speed rail projects, said Howard Learner, director of the Environmental Law and Policy Center.

Wisconsin is leading the nine-state Midwest Rail Initiative as "the next logical step to make sure we retain train service" in the region, said Charles Thompson, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Several states have considered high-speed service linking Chicago with Milwaukee, St. Louis, Detroit and St. Paul, Minn.

A Chicago-based network of high-speed trains to Milwaukee, St. Louis and Detroit would create 15,260 construction jobs and 2,090 operating jobs, a study for Lerner's Chicago group by Uni-

versity of Illinois researchers said.

It shows "good transportation policy is good for the economy and good for the environment," said Susan Mudd of Milwaukee, program director of Citizens for a Better Environment.

The business community also sees economic benefits, said Robert Milbourne, executive director of the Greater Milwaukee Committee.

A new Chicago-Milwaukee system would cost \$471 million to \$702 million to build and \$19 million to \$21.7 million a year to operate, an environmentalists' summary for the state Department of Transportation said.

It would generate 4,740 construction jobs and 530 operating jobs, the study said.

### Commer

Randolph Schmid  
Associated Press

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### LEGAL MATTERS

#### POLICE

Theodore Ramsey, 30, 4210 Lakeside Drive, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance, assault causing injury, interference with official acts and destruction of evidence at 4210 Lakeside Drive on Dec. 3 at 9:08 p.m.

John R. Gardner, 33, 830 E. Burlington St., Apt. 1, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of College and Van Buren streets on Dec. 3 at 8:42 p.m.

Dawn E. Seay, 28, 4210 Lakeside Drive, was charged with forgery at 1101 Riverside Drive, Apt. C, on Dec. 3.

John A. Rogers, 27, 113 Patomic Drive, was charged with public intoxication in the 1500 block of South First Avenue on Dec. 4 at 3:44 a.m.

Corey R. Minor, 23, 733 Michael St., Apt. 26, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Highway 6 and Valley Avenue on Dec. 4 at 3:20 a.m.

Compiled by Mike Waller

#### COURTS

##### District

Public intoxication — Joe F. Botello, Cedar Rapids, fined \$90; John A. Rogers, 113 Patomic Drive, fined \$90.

#### Harassment

John A. Rogers, 113 Patomic Drive, fined \$90.

The above fines do not include surcharges or court costs.

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#### CALENDAR

##### TODAY'S EVENTS

Department of Human Resources will sponsor "Reasonable Efforts" in Meeting Room B of the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., at 12:30 p.m.

Friends of Iowa River Scenic Trail (FIRST) will hold a meeting on multipurpose recreational trails in Meeting Room

B of the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., at 5:30 p.m.

Hawkeye Chess Club will hold a tournament in the Hawkeye Room of the Union at 7 p.m.

Legal Services Corporation of Iowa will sponsor training for attorneys in Meeting Room A of the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., at 9 a.m.

Old Capitol Youth Hockey Association will meet in Meeting Room C of the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., at 7 p.m.

Trauma Recovery Groups will sponsor a lecture in Meeting Room B of the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., at 7 p.m.

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### SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

### Gay marriage

Ron Staton  
Associated Press

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# Commerce war brews over misleading ads

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Hammond noted the group echoed a BMW complaint, taken to

binding arbitration with the Better Business Bureau's advertising division and dismissed because the bureau found the Volvo ad fair, responsibly done and accurate.

On the toy front, Meccano Inc. drew criticism for an ad showing a fire truck built using its Erector Set. The U.S. Public Interest Research Group complained it took more than 13 hours to build the truck, which then did not run as quickly as the ad implied it would.

Company spokesperson Ronnie Heyman said, "The Erector is a construction toy, the joy of it is putting it together." She added that the instructions suggest beginning with simple projects and working up to something like the fire truck, the most complicated project.

One ad listed this year resulted in a \$25,000 fine to United Airlines for failure to disclose the comparison fare in ads in February promoting a 40 percent discount.

The disclosure was dropped inad-

vertently, spokesperson Connie Huff said, and appears in ads now being run by the airline.

Other ads criticized:

- A Procter & Gamble ad for the artificial fat Olean. The Center for Science in the Public Interest complained the ad didn't include warnings that consumers can suffer cramps from the product.
- Company spokesperson Lisa Jester noted that the center opposes Olean despite Food and Drug Administration approval of it, "so of course they are critical of any advertising for it."
- Lane Bryant Catalog for using thin models to sell clothes in plus sizes. Board Chairperson Peter Canzone responded that "we try to use women that are more mature and usually a little fuller, but they are not large sizes. Over the years our research and testing has shown our customers prefer the kind of models we use." Lane Bryant stores also noted that it operates

separately from the catalog.

- Connecticut Power & Light for a direct-mail ad to New Hampshire customers implying it produced environmentally friendly hydroelectric power when nuclear power was used. Marketing manager Michael Townsley said the company uses cheaper off-peak power to pump water into a reservoir and uses that to generate hydro power at peak times. The ad does state the water is pumped to the reservoir.
- Seagrams, for an ad showing a dog delivering a bottle of Crown Royal liquor and declaring him valedictorian of dog obedience school. The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence contended this would cause people to associate whiskey with academic achievement. "Our advertisement is fully appropriate and is directed at consumers of legal drinking age and above," responded company spokesperson Bevin Gove.

# 1996 may become wettest year on record

**Ben Dobbin**  
Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — There was no truly drenching hurricane across the Northeast this year, and no El Niño effect. It just rained on and off and on again through spring, summer and fall.

And yet, with a few weeks to go, 1996 is lining up as the wettest year in the 12-state region since record-keeping started in 1894.

Although snow fell often last winter, the only really big blip on the weather chart was the second week of January, when the Blizzard of '96 dropped 1 1/2 feet to 3 feet of snow. It was blamed for more than 100 deaths.

The El Niño phenomenon, a warming trend in the water of

the tropical Pacific that can sharply alter weather patterns around the world, was not active, said Keith Eggleston, a climatologist with the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

This year's precipitation total by Oct. 31 was 44.6 inches averaged across the region, and November appears to have been close to its average of 3.79 inches.

So if December meets its average of 3.44 inches, the year could squeak past the record of 51.34 inches set in 1972.

The region comprises Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia.

## SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

# Gay marriage ruling delayed in Hawaii

**Ron Stator**  
Associated Press

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On Tuesday, Chang said Hawaii failed to show any compelling state interest in denying gay couples the right to marry. He ordered the state

to begin issuing them licenses.

The dispute prompted passage of a federal law signed by President Clinton that says the U.S. government will not recognize gay marriages and allows states to refuse to recognize such unions licensed in other states. In addition, 16 states have passed laws denying recognition of gay marriages.

Deputy Attorney General Rick Eichor sought the stay, arguing that allowing couples to marry immediately would undermine the state's case.

"If hundreds, or even thousands, of gay marriages take place, the Supreme Court probably won't even hear the appeal," he said.

Following a 20-minute hearing Wednesday, Chang agreed with Eichor that the state would have a dilemma.

Eichor also argued that the three gay couples who sued for the right to marry would suffer no real harm if their right to marry were

delayed.

Dan Foley, a civil liberties attorney who represented the couples, said he found that argument incredulous. He said his clients already had suffered from delays in the case.

Eichor said he will file an appeal within 30 days. That will send the case back to the Supreme Court, which in 1993 ruled that the state's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional unless the state can show a compelling interest in continuing it.

"I hope it won't take long to convince the Supreme Court that Judge Chang's ruling was correct," Melillo said.

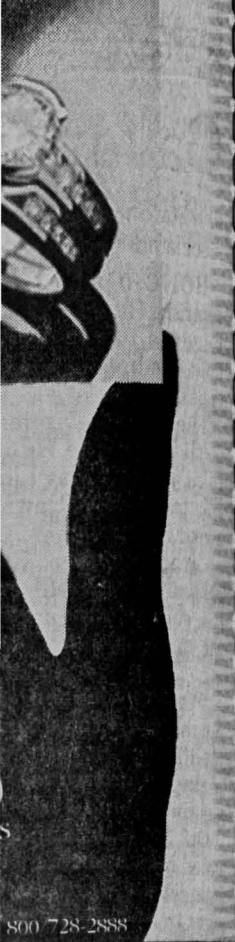
Chang's ruling Tuesday came on the ninth anniversary of the partnership of Antoinette Pregil and Tammy Rodrigues, one of the three plaintiff couples in the case.

"I hope maybe we can be married on Christmas Day," Pregil said before the stay was granted.

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## Space Exploration

# Spacecraft paves way to Mars, the future

Marcia Dunn  
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A six-wheeled buggy no bigger than a child's wagon sped toward Mars Wednesday on a 310-million-mile odyssey to explore the planet's rocky, red surface.

The Mars Pathfinder, the spacecraft carrying the rover, is scheduled to drop down onto the planet's surface on July Fourth, its 30 mph landing cushioned by large air bags that will inflate at the last moment. Then the remote-control rover, named Sojourner, will amble out in search of rocks.

It is the first time a mobile craft has been sent to explore the surface of another planet.

NASA hopes Pathfinder, the second of 10 spacecraft to be launched to Mars over the next decade, will live up to its name by paving the way for future robotic explorers and proving cheap, little spacecraft can work.

Pathfinder was built in three years for \$196 million, a bargain by NASA's drawn-out, budget-busting standards.

"If you look at this, the cost of Pathfinder is the same as the cost of the movie 'Waterworld,'" Donna Shirley, manager of the Mars exploration program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., said after the spacecraft's middle-of-the-night sendoff.

"Literally, we're making these things for pennies on the dollar compared to what we used to do these things for," she said. "It's something like 5 percent of the cost of Viking."

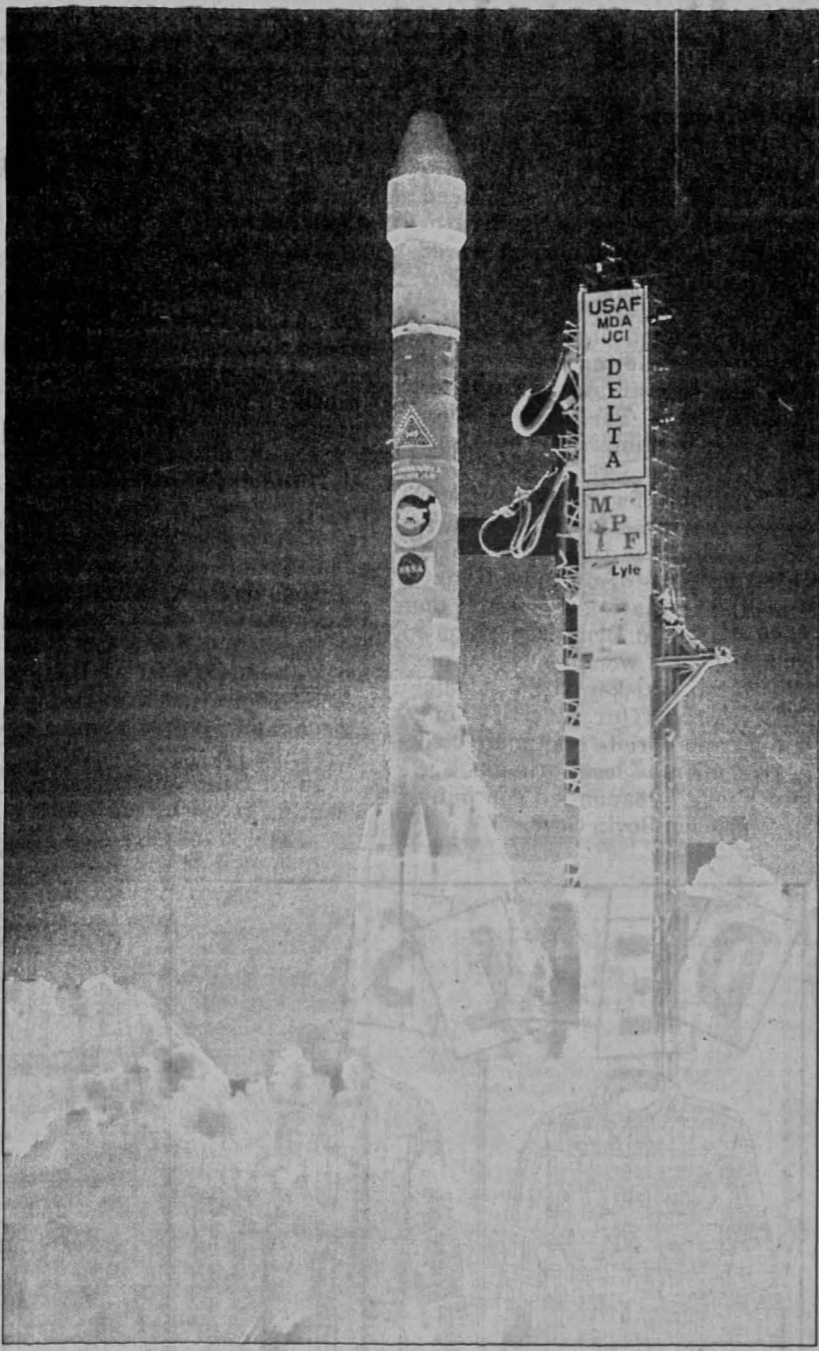
NASA's twin Viking landers were the last spacecraft to plop down on Mars, back in 1976. They used the traditional three-legged approach.

Pathfinder's designers opted for air bags for the first time ever to see how well spacecraft can land in rugged terrain. The probe is expected to bounce a dozen times, as high as 40 feet, before it comes to rest.

Tony Spear, project manager for Pathfinder, expects the descent through the Martian atmosphere and landing to be 100 times more nerve-racking than Wednesday's launch. That was nerve-racking enough.

With the loss just two weeks earlier of a Russian Mars probe that never made it out of Earth's orbit, scientists were more worried than usual about Pathfinder.

As it turns out, nearly everything went well, even though the unmanned rocket was two days late taking off with Pathfinder because of bad weather and a com-



Associated Press

A Delta rocket lifts off carrying NASA's Mars Pathfinder probe early Wednesday at Cape Canaveral, Fla. The Pathfinder is expected to land on Mars on July 4, 1997, and dispatch a small rover to examine rocks on the red planet.

puter failure. The only snag was a sun sensor that was giving trouble. Spear said the sensor, a navigation device, might just need some adjustment and, in any event, would not jeopardize the mission.

For interplanetary navigator Cheick Diarra, Pathfinder's departure was bittersweet.

"You have been seeing the Sojourner and the spacecraft for so many years, and now they are lonely in the depth of space," Diarra said. "It is like a friend going away. But it is a good feeling because that was the ultimate goal."

Pathfinder should pass the slower Mars Global Surveyor, launched Nov. 7 by NASA, in March. The Global Surveyor will reach the Red Planet in September 1997 and conduct a 687-day survey from orbit.

Pathfinder's destination: an ancient floodplain littered with rocks.

It's the rocky neighborhoods that interest scientists hoping to determine whether life ever existed on Mars. The discovery of supposed ancient life in a Mars meteorite

last summer reinforced their goals, especially their plan to send a robotic miner to the Red Planet sometime in the next decade to dig up Martian dirt and rocks and return them to Earth.

The 23-pound Sojourner lacks shovels and life-detecting instruments. Instead, it will inspect Martian rocks and beam back information about their composition along with color images.

NASA will transmit the views in almost real time on the Internet: just a 20- to 40-minute lag for the time it takes the signals to reach Earth.

Sojourner will stray no farther than 60 feet or so from its landing site, circling the lander for at least one week, possibly months.

"We know there probably won't be any little green people," Shirley said, "but there might be some unexpected findings in terms of the mineralogy and the terrain. And the rover, we don't know if a small rover can actually work on Mars. That's why we're sending it. ... So if the rover works and the lander works, that's enough excitement for me."

# Pathfinder embarks on unprecedented voyage

Associated Press

If history is any guide, NASA will be lucky if the Mars Pathfinder arrives safely at the Red Planet and completes its mission.

Consider: Since the first Mars probe was launched by the Russians in 1962, only six Mars missions have suc-

ceeded, all of them American. The last two successes were the twin Viking missions, launched in 1975.

Thirteen Mars missions have failed, most recently the Russian spacecraft that plummeted from orbit shortly after its Nov. 16 launch. A 14th mission got some data back but was pretty much a

bust, too.

"We sort of make a joke about the great galactic ghoul that sits out there," said Curtis Clevin, operations manager for Pathfinder.

So far, everything's going well with NASA's Mars Global Surveyor, launched Nov. 7 and due at Mars on Sept. 12, 1997.

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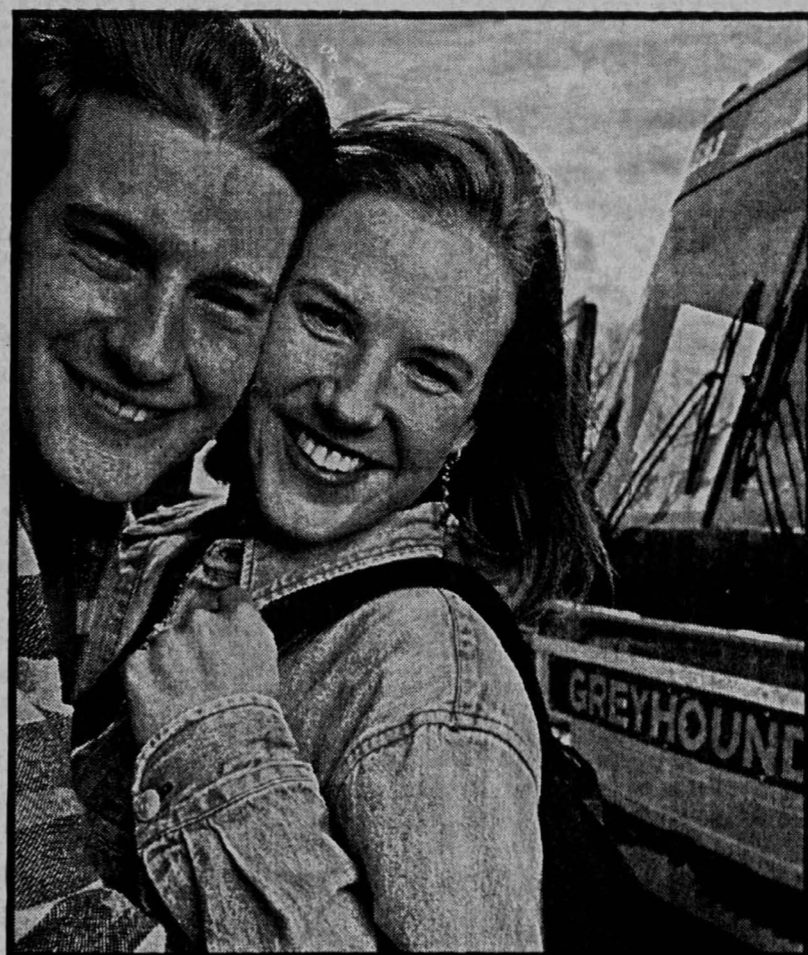
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LA PAZ, Bolivia — Hillary Rodham Clinton awoke Wednesday to a politician's dream: two competing newspapers with flattering front-page photographs and identical headlines, in Spanish: "Hillary Steals The Summit."

On television and in the papers, Rodham Clinton is treated as a celebrity abroad, applauded for her focus on women's and children's issues. That's the way it was at a conference of first ladies in Bolivia this week and during President Clinton's recent trip to Australia, the Philippines and Thailand.

"She is, of course, the star!" a Bolivian official gushed Tuesday as Rodham Clinton was introduced for a speech at the summit of spouses of Western Hemisphere leaders. "Hillary, Hillary!" called a La Paz woman Tuesday who fought her way through a crowd to

hand the first lady a rose during her walk through a poor neighborhood.

But as her husband prepares for a second term, things are hardly so simple back home.

There, recent headlines have reflected the remarkable complexity of perhaps the most controversial first lady in history.

She is a political power, helping shape her husband's second-term Cabinet and talking of perhaps taking a prominent role in welfare policy.

She is the protective mother, returning from Camp David over the Thanksgiving weekend to help daughter Chelsea get to ballet practice.

She is also the worried wife, suggesting her hoarse husband forgo receiving lines at the 20 White House Christmas parties this month to protect a failing voice. And she is the subject of political

whispering as the work of White-water grand juries intensifies and some Republicans openly predict she will be indicted.

All this undoubtedly weighs on Rodham Clinton, but she was in good spirits during her two-day visit to Bolivia and spoke only briefly of U.S. politics — criticizing Republicans in Congress who cut funding for international family planning programs.

But Rodham Clinton complains occasionally to friends and aides that she is misunderstood. While she rarely talks about herself in

her speeches, there is a staple line that seems to reflect Rodham Clinton's belief that much of society underappreciates the complexity of the working woman.

"In country after country, from the most advanced democracies to those newly emerging, from the most dynamic free market economies to those struggling in the face of rapid global change, women are still striving to define and attain their rightful place in government, the economy, the civil society and throughout their lives," Rodham Clinton said.

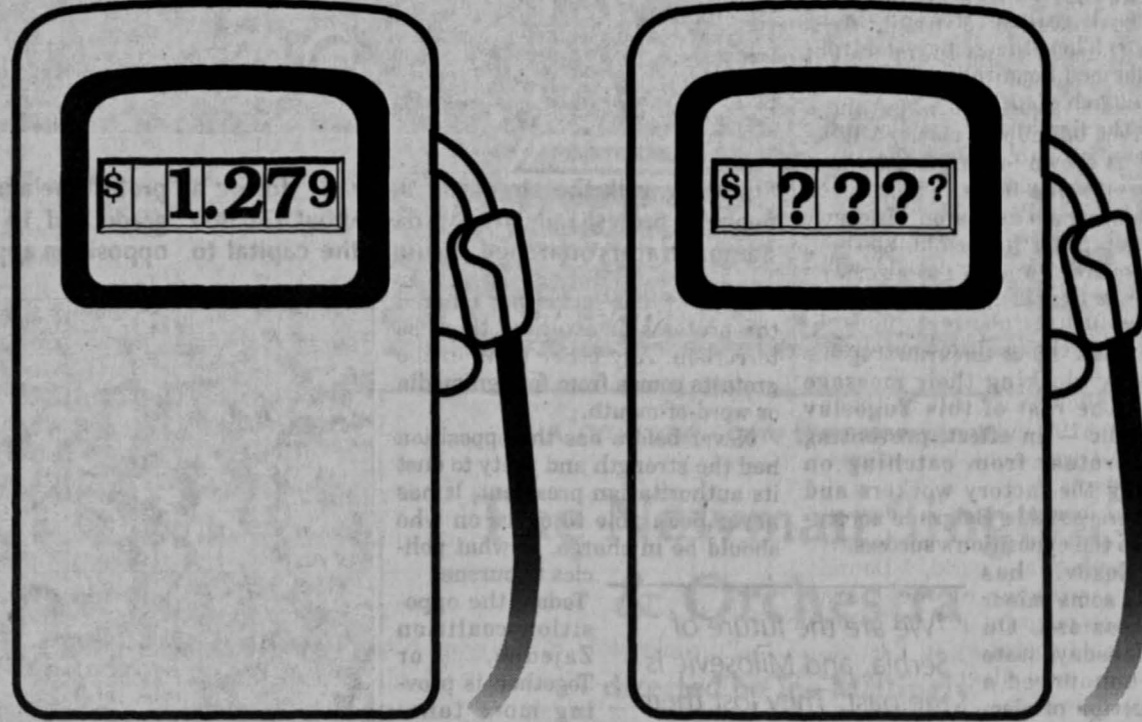
There is no doubt Rodham Clinton is still striving — and struggling — to define her own role.

At times she revels in the traditional role of first lady, visiting health clinics and schools at home and abroad and, with the holidays approaching, joking of how important it is at holiday receptions to protect her hands by "grabbing the hand before it grabs you."

But it is clear Rodham Clinton has no intention of retreating from the high profile that has made her a constant source of controversy in her husband's administration.

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Nation & World

# Serb leader remains silent over rally

## Foes stage largest protest ever

Mark Porubcansky  
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — With his enemies stronger than ever, President Slobodan Milosevic is fighting back — not with a show of might but with a mighty silence that could prove as effective as bullets or tanks.

Thousands of students rallied outside his office doors Wednesday. Only Milosevic wasn't there. Later, 150,000 protesters gathered in the city center, the biggest demonstration in 16 straight days. But there was no independent media to spread the word.

Besides several warnings and a discreet buildup of police, Milosevic has shown few signs that he is ready to use force. The United States, which relies on Milosevic to keep peace in Bosnia, has said it would consider sanctions against Serbia if Milosevic uses violence.

Instead, he is undermining his foes by blocking their message from the rest of this Yugoslav republic — in effect, preventing the protest from catching on among the factory workers and farmers outside Belgrade so crucial to the opposition's success.

Milosevic has made some minor concessions. On Wednesday, state TV announced a reduction of electricity prices, and the resignation of a hard-line Socialist Party leader in the provincial city of Nis.

Opposition leaders were already claiming victory.

"We are the future of Serbia, and Milosevic is the past," opposition leader Zoran Djindjic declared. "They lost their nerve and don't know what they are doing. In 10, 20 days, we'll get rid of him forever."

But to accomplish that, Serbia's opposition — made up mostly of intellectuals and middle-class urbanites — needs the support of workers in factories and fields. Without them, it has much less of a chance of driving Milosevic from power.

The opposition has never mounted an effective effort to organize the rest of the country. And outside the capital of this Yugoslav republic, most people get their news from Milosevic's Ser-



Associated Press

Students walk the streets of Belgrade during a peaceful protest rally Wednesday. About 150,000 demonstrators marched through the capital to protest the annulment of Nov. 17 elections in Belgrade and 14 of Serbia's largest cities that the opposition appeared to win.

bian TV, which has either ignored the protests or attacked them as terrorism. Any other news of the protests comes from foreign media or word-of-mouth.

Never before has the opposition had the strength and unity to oust its authoritarian president. It has never been able to agree on what should be in charge, or what policies to pursue.

Today, the opposition coalition Zajedno, or Together, is proving more tenacious, sustaining protests with the help of students who get demonstrations rolling in the morning. The protests started after courts annulled Nov. 17 local elec-

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tions the opposition had won. Whether the alliance can hold together remains to be seen. Strains showed Wednesday when leaders could not agree on where to hold that day's protest.

What the opposition has done is win the support of the United States, which has stepped up the blunt criticism of the Serbian leader. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott met with Yugoslav Foreign Minister Milan Milutinovic and demanded the Ser-led country live up to its commitments to free markets and free expression.

The United States also pressed representatives of 43 countries meeting in London to review the Bosnian peace agreement to con-



Associated Press

A student carries a cake toward the Serbian presidency's building as a sign of good will toward Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade Wednesday.

demn Milosevic's crackdown on freedoms.

Protesters are inclined to compare Serbia to Romania, where revolutionaries in 1989 ousted and executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

Indeed, Milosevic seems to have learned from Ceausescu's mistakes. The Romanian leader showed himself in public to enrage protesters, and he also allowed them to take over Romanian TV.

But people here have many more freedoms than Romanians did under Ceausescu, and Serbs get by in the provinces. The unemployed still get payments from their factories. Most people in the cities have connections to the

countryside for food. Many engage in small-time trade.

If people scattered across Serbia are going to rise up against Milosevic, something or someone must draw them together. So far, the opposition has been unable to do that.

For now, the focus is on Belgrade.

Milosevic still is clearly in charge. On Wednesday, a local court threw out an election appeal by the opposition. Still, some of the same judges who declared the opposition victories void have joined the protest movement.

So if the opposition endures, Milosevic will face the question of whether to break his silence by

# Study: Medicine decreases death rate after heart surgery

Daniel Haney  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Routinely giving a heart-slowing medicine to surgery patients with bad hearts appears to cut their death rate in half and could save as many as 300,000 lives a year, researchers say.

About 30 million Americans undergo surgery each year, and heart attacks are a common complication in the months afterward, especially for the 3 million who already have underlying coronary artery disease.

Doctors at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center theorized they could cut this risk by protecting the heart from the physical stress of an operation.

To test the idea, they gave a medicine called a beta blocker, one of the most widely prescribed heart drugs, to surgery patients with suspected heart disease. The results were so dramatic that even the researchers were surprised.

After two years of follow-up, 10 percent of the patients getting the drug had died, compared with 21 percent of those who did not.

The lead researcher said the findings are so clear that doctors should immediately make this drug a routine part of treatment after operations.

"I believe this is a mandate for changing practice," Dr. Dennis Mangano of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Some other doctors not involved in the study were more cautious. They worried that because of the study's relatively small size — 200 people — the apparent benefit could have been a matter of chance.

"This really has potentially great

importance," said Dr. Jay Cohn of the University of Minnesota. "However, it is too small a trial to change practice based on this single study."

The study, paid for by the Ischemia Research and Education Foundation of San Francisco, was published in last Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The volunteers were equally divided between those who got atenolol for four to seven days after surgery and those who received inactive placebos. During the first six months after release from the hospital, none of those who took atenolol died, compared with 8 percent in the comparison group. After one year, the death rate was 3 percent in the atenolol patients and 14 percent among the others.

The effect of the treatment was in reducing deaths from heart disease. Those getting the medicine suffered only half as many heart attacks and other serious heart problems, such as congestive heart failure and severe angina pain.

The treatment was, by medical standards, cheap: less than \$100 per patient.

If the drug truly works as well as the study suggests, it could save the lives of 10 percent of the 3 million people with heart trouble who have surgery each year, or 300,000 lives.

# Algerians suspected in Paris bombing

Elaine Ganley  
Associated Press

PARIS — Clue by clue, a shadowy network of Algerian militants emerged Wednesday as the prime suspect in a deadly Paris subway bombing.

A gas canister. Black powder. Nails to cut flesh. All were hallmarks of a wave of bombings last year claimed by Algeria's Armed Islamic Group. All were present at the scene of Tuesday's attack, which killed two people and seriously wounded 35.

The black powder mix was the same. So was the timing and the target: evening rush hour on a train line shuttling thousands of suburbanites to and from Paris.

And, investigators note, despite dozens of arrests and 14 months of silence, an Algerian thought to be a ringleader of the 1995 bombing wave remains at large.

There has been no claim of responsibility for the bombing at the Port Royal station. But the evidence in hand forced investigators to focus on the theory that a network of Algerian radicals, thought to be all but decimated, had been reborn.

The bombing shares "great similarities" with those of the summer of 1995, when eight people were killed and 160 were wounded, Premier Alain Juppe told lawmakers.

Killed in Tuesday's attack were Lucien Devambaz, a 41-year-old Frenchman, and an unidentified Canadian woman, French radio reported.

Rabah Kebir of the Islamic Salvation Front — Algeria's banned opposition movement — condemned the bombing Wednesday night, saying it

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FOREIGN RELATIONS

# Visit by Chinese official touted as chance to reconcile

Associated Press

BEIJING — A visit by China's defense minister to Washington this week will give the United States a chance to cultivate relations with a powerful military and bolster ties weakened by disputes over nuclear proliferation and human rights.

Gen. Chi Haotian, who represents the nearly 3 million active troops of the People's Liberation Army, is due to arrive in the United States today.

His trip, twice delayed by political tensions over Taiwan, comes after President Clinton and his Chinese counterpart, Jiang Zemin, met last week in the Philippines and agreed to work on swapping state visits within two years.

"This time my visit definitely will not be postponed," Chi said Wednesday. "This visit comes at a time of significant improvement in relations between both nations and both armies."

U.S.-Chinese relations have suffered in the last two years, particularly over the issue of China's human rights record and allegations that China has been selling nuclear and sophisticated weapons technology to Pakistan and Iran.

In Washington, State Department spokesperson Nicholas Burns said human rights would be on the agenda with Chi.

"He will not come away from his trip to Washington with any other impression but that human rights are at the center of our relationship with China and will remain there," Burns said Tuesday.

Pentagon spokesperson Kenneth Bacon would only say that Defense Secretary William Perry "received very fine treatment and full military honors" when he visited Beijing in 1994 and plans to return that treatment.

The Chinese canceled Chi's June 1995 visit to Washington after the Clinton administration allowed Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui to make a private visit to the United States.

Another trip was postponed in March as China staged war games and launched missiles near Taiwan in an apparent attempt to undermine support for Lee and vanquish

pro-independence sentiment on the island, a Cold War ally of the United States that China views as a renegade province.

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## Nation & World

### Algerians suspected in Paris bombing

PARIS — Clue by clue, a shadowy network of Algerian militants emerged Wednesday as the prime suspect in a deadly Paris subway bombing.

A gas canister. Black powder. Nails to cut flesh. All were hallmarks of a wave of bombings last year claimed by Algeria's Armed Islamic Group. All were present at the scene of Tuesday's attack, which killed two people and seriously wounded 35.

The black powder mix was the same. So was the timing and the target: evening rush hour on a train line shuttling thousands of suburbanites to and from Paris.

And, investigators note, despite dozens of arrests and 14 months of peace, an Algerian thought to be a ringleader of the 1995 bombing wave remains at large.

There has been no claim of responsibility for the bombing at the Port Royal station. But the evidence in hand forced investigators to focus on the theory that a network of Algerian radicals, thought to be all but decimated, had been reborn.

The bombing shares "great similarities" with those of the summer of 1995, when eight people were killed and 160 were wounded, Premier Alain Juppe told lawmakers.

Killed in Tuesday's attack were Lucien Devambe, a 41-year-old Frenchman, and an unidentified Canadian woman, French radio reported.

Rabah Kebir of the Islamic Salvation Front — Algeria's banned opposition movement — condemned the bombing Wednesday night, saying it



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An unidentified passenger walks past French soldiers and police patrolled train stations, airports and other public places in Paris after a bomb exploded on a crowded subway car.

"doesn't serve the Algerian cause."

But judicial sources said the black powder that filled a gas canister contained the same explosive mix as that used in the 1995 attacks.

The canister, hidden in a bag packed with nails, was tucked under a seat in the fourth car of the train. It exploded as the doors shut before departure.

The Port Royal station is just two stops up the line from the site of the July 1995 bombing at St. Michel, the first and most deadly in the wave of attacks that put France on edge for months.

"We're scared because we know there's danger, here or in the Metro (the subway)," Dominique Chapuis said. "I take the Metro every day and who knows what can happen."

Juppe tried to allay fears. "All means," the premier told lawmakers, will be used to capture the criminals and protect the population from "the blackmail of fear and

violence."

Hundreds of police and soldiers armed with assault rifles were deployed in airports, train stations, subways and high-risk areas from Paris to Marseille.

France closed some border crossings with Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg, and said it was temporarily suspending its participation in the accords that opened borders across much of Europe.

Investigators, who kept the Port Royal station sealed Wednesday, were examining all hypotheses, including Basque, Corsican and Moroccan connections. More than 30 Moroccans are to go on trial Monday for trying to destabilize the North African monarchy.

But Algerian Islamic militants, who claimed responsibility for the 1995 bombings as well as the deadly Christmas 1994 hijacking of an Air France flight, quickly surfaced as the prime suspects.

"Numerous alerts were brought to

the attention of specialized services in the past few months," the daily *Le Monde* quoted an unidentified official said.

In an internal memo, France's counterespionage agency signaled that an Algerian Islamist living in Afghanistan was preparing in September to leave that country to "commit an attack against French interests," *Le Monde* reported, quoting the memo.

The secret service also warned four members of an Islamic group had entered France to set off a bomb in a Paris restaurant at the end of November, *Le Monde* said.

The Armed Islamic Group, spearheading a nearly 5-year-old insurgency against Algeria's military-backed government, recently blamed France for support and aid to the former colony.

"France furnishes all the reasons for our combat against its policies," the group wrote in its newsletter *Al Jamaa* on Sept. 10.

### HUD

### Documents reveal woes in government housing program

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"It's just too easy to cheat," said D. Michael Beard, inspector general for HUD's Southwestern district. "We believe the program should be

eliminated." The agency is not ready to scrap the program yet. But under pressure from Congress, it said last month that no new leases would be issued as of Jan. 1.

HUD will decide next year whether to end the program, deputy assistant secretary Jacquie Lawing said.

More than 300 organizations — mainly privately funded homeless coalitions and community service groups — hold leases on 1,289 of the homes around the country.

HUD acquired the properties through foreclosures of government-guaranteed home loans.

The program receives no direct funding, although the department absorbs the cost of leasing the homes, which would otherwise be sold.

In Baton Rouge, La., HUD auditors found only one homeless person among the 43 tenants it reviewed among 108 leases held by the nonprofit group Safety Net Inc.

Expensive cars were parked in front of houses that contained nice furniture and big screen televisions, documents show.

Tenants were later found to be friends and business associates of the group's director. One tenant earned \$58,000 a year and paid no

rent, according to Beard and local newspaper reports.

HUD knew as far back as 1990 that some of the Safety Net tenants were not homeless. It told the group to stop the practice, but continued leasing it more properties and failed to monitor the group to see if the problems had been corrected.

It finally terminated Safety Net's leases and kicked the group out of the program following local press reports earlier this year.

In Denver, a nonprofit group sold a fixer-upper house meant for a low-income buyer to a builder making \$30,000 a year, who paid cash for the property.

Ecumenical Refugee Services Inc. received \$46,000 for the house, \$10,000 more than the discounted price it paid.

The group's director said the sale was the work of a single employee, who has been fired.

HUD kicked the group out of the program in September and made it pay back the profit it made on the house.

In St. Louis, HUD gave Allied Housing Group Inc. contracts to purchase a dozen houses and resell them to low-income buyers, even though it had had problems with the group in the past.

Allied collected thousands of dollars in deposits from several buyers and tried to buy additional houses with the money, according to HUD documents. The deals fell through.

"We scrapped to get the money together," said Pamela Wyatt of Bridgeton, Mo., who lost \$7,900.

HUD terminated its dealings with Allied early this year. The state also sued the group to retrieve the funds, but the group's officials can't be located, according to state and HUD officials.

A man who answered the phone at the number listed for Allied said the group had moved.

HUD doesn't have enough staff to make sure groups rent only to homeless people, officials say.

"We don't manage the nonprofits, we manage the properties," said Tony Hernandez, HUD's top official in Denver.

To get into the program, created in 1990, nonprofits need to show they have adequate funding to keep up the properties and provide support services to help families get on their feet.

The groups sign agreements to house only people who have been living in shelters, have very low incomes or face eviction.

### RUSSIA

### Miners' union strike continues as workers demand back pay

MOSCOW — More than 120 coal mines across Russia were shut down for a second day Wednesday as striking miners demanded back pay and said the cash-strapped federal government should resign.

A government pattern of unpaid

debts and uncollected taxes has left millions of Russian state workers without paychecks and pensions.

The average miner is owed three and a half to four months back pay, Ruben Badalov of the All-Russian Miners' Union told the AP. Total wage arrears have reached \$8 billion, the government said.

"The government is the executive

branch of power and if it cannot work properly, it should resign," Badalov said Wednesday. "The government has failed to fulfill any of its promises."

The rare resignation demand was meant to show the miners were serious in this confrontation, after a number of short-lived strikes.

President Boris Yeltsin discussed

the miners' strike Wednesday with his prime minister and decided to send deputy premier Vladimir Potanin to the Kuzbass in Siberia, Russia's largest coal-mining region.

He also told Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to pay the miners' back wages in full, said presidential spokesperson Sergei Yastzhembsky.

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## ORGANIC FOOD

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unconvinced organically fed meat is any healthier.

All animals are slaughtered at a plant and organically fed meat has the same chance of being contaminated, he said.

LaGrange does not see any advantage to eating more expensive, organically produced food.

"Through processing you're adding protection — making sure the food is clean," he said.

Price may vary by 25-30 percent and sometimes by even more, Carbrey said.

"The price difference is due to the fact that the organic industry is in its infancy," she said.

"There are some unaccounted-for

costs in the price of commercial produce, (like) loss of top soil and farmer illness," Carbrey said. "In buying organic, you are paying the genuine costs of food production. It not only spares you the costs of eating pesticides, but you are protecting the groundwater, the soil, the whole planet."

Nordbye said he checks prices, and if he finds comparably priced products, he always buys organic.

"Oftentimes organic food is a lot more expensive," he said. "I eat organic whenever I can. Buying organic is just another way for me to control and be more conscious of what I'm eating."

Carbrey said the high prices of organic food won't last forever.

"As growers become more estab-

lished and product availability goes up, prices will come down," she said.

The organic food industry has seen steady growth over the last 40 years, Neenan said. There was a 21 percent increase in Iowa acres farmed organically from 1993-95, Carbrey said.

Food must be "organically" grown by a farmer for three years before the state of Iowa will recognize him or her as an organic producer, Neenan said.

This stipulation varies from state to state because no federal law exists currently that governs a universally agreed-upon definition of organic, she said. State laws have now been adopted in 26 states regarding organic agriculture.

## FINALS

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finals week, although it may be too late in the semester to do so.

Beltrame said having tests prior to finals week taxes students by interfering with projects and assignments due at the end of the semester. He suggested the UI should consider a "reading week" before finals, consisting of review classes to help students prepare for their tests.

UI sophomore Pat Collins said dealing with early finals can be problematic for students who are trying to meet the demands of their classes.

"I think it might interfere with all the work teachers give at the end of the semester," he said.

Collins said his own schedule has been turned around by finals he has to take next week.

"I have two finals and a big paper the week before and one test during finals week — it's almost like a waste of time," he said. "I concentrate more during finals week. Coming back from Thanksgiving and not having that extra week makes things crammed. You're crunching for time."

Not all students are upset about their early test times. UI sophomore Jon Quebbeman said having one of his tests early will "ease up his load" during the upcoming finals rush. He said in most cases, though, the policy against early tests should be followed.

"I think for the majority of classes it's a good idea, because the week before should be used for review and not for testing," he said.

UI senior Kate Larsen said she is glad one of her tests is being held early because it will give her more

time to focus on each class.

"I'm happy because instead of having five finals during finals week, I'm going to be able to spread out my tests. For me it will be a lot better," she said.

Larsen said the early test date was announced at the beginning of the semester, so she has been counting on it all along. Although she is benefiting from having a test early, she said she understands the reasoning behind the UI's policy against early finals.

"It's not a bad policy," she said. "It's not announced early on then people can schedule it, but professors or TAs are changing times at the last minute, I could really empathize with people who counted on taking their tests at the times printed in the *Schedule of Courses* or on their syllabus."

## MALL

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Enzler's Inc., 118 S. Clinton St., located near Old Capitol Mall, said although Coral Ridge Mall will make a difference in how much attention Iowa City will get from shoppers, downtown businesses will be safe because of their location.

"There is a large number of folks and students who will be walking through the downtown area anyway, so our business will continue," Lehman said. "But there is no way you can have a 1 million square-foot mall in eastern Iowa and it won't have an effect."

Lehman said one sign of encouragement for the downtown area is the addition of Talbot's to the Old Capitol Mall last summer.

"Talbot's knew the new mall was being built before they agreed to sign a lease (at Old Capitol Mall),

and that's a very encouraging sign," he said. "It's significant that after researching the whole area they found that downtown is where they wanted to be."

Many local shoppers said they plan to shop at the Coral Ridge Mall.

UI senior Wendy Ady and her fiancé, Rick Anderson, said they rarely do mall shopping in the Iowa City area because of the lack of store diversity.

"If you want to go shopping, you might as well go to the Mall of America in Minnesota," Anderson said.

Ady said she believes the Iowa City shopping community is too mundane.

"There are no big, quality, nation-name department stores like Macy's or Bloomingdale's in this area," she said. "What you have to choose from are specialty

stores that charge an arm and a leg. You can't even buy a decent woman's outfit for less than \$150."

Ady said she feels confident about Coral Ridge Mall's ability to flourish in the area.

"I have no doubt this area can support a mall as big as (Coral Ridge), if not bigger," she said. "This is a high-income community and people here like to shop."

UI sophomore Amy Gosselink said she shops at Old Capitol Mall only for inexpensive items, but she does like its location.

"I've never bought clothes there, because there's nothing at that mall that trips my trigger," she said. "I'd normally go to places like The Gap or American Eagle. But Old Capitol is more accessible to students who don't have a car, so it should probably remain popular with them."

## SECRETARY

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The United States, however, announced last July it would veto Boutros-Ghali's re-election, claiming he had not been vigorous in pursuing reform.

His supporters say the Clinton administration was bowing to pressure from conservative Republicans in Congress, many of them philosophically opposed to the United Nations as a challenge to U.S. sovereignty.

Security Council President Francesco Paolo Fulci said he expected African countries to submit names of alternative African candidates to the Security Council, possibly as early as Friday. That would be followed by a series of straw polls next week to winnow out weaker candidates.

Some U.N. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said supporters in Europe and elsewhere were encouraging Boutros-Ghali to stay in the race as a possible compromise if other Africans fail to win enough support.

A European diplomat characterized the decision as a face-saving move by Boutros-Ghali. By removing his name from active consideration, Boutros-Ghali would not have to see his support dwindle in a series of Security Council votes.

By remaining an official candidate, however, Boutros-Ghali conceivably could revive his candidacy if no one else wins broad support.

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, drew a comparison with the council voting

*"As far as the United States is concerned, we consider it a natural next step that will allow us to choose a new secretary-general."*

An anonymous U.S. official

in 1981, when Tanzanian front-runner Salim Salim suspended his candidacy in the face of a U.S. veto.

The council ultimately selected Javier Perez de Cuellar as secretary-general.

"The natural process of breaking the logjam has continued," the U.S. official said.

"There has now been evidence of a desire on the part of some African states to select a different person."

"As far as the United States is concerned, we consider it a natural next step that will allow us to choose a new secretary-general," the official said.

Boutros-Ghali won 14 of the 15 council votes Nov. 19. But as one of the five permanent members, the United States has veto power in the Security Council, along with China, Russia, France and Britain.

Fulci said no other candidates had been officially submitted to the council. Council diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least three African countries — Ghana, Ivory Coast and Niger — indicated they intended to put forth candidates.

They were U.N. Undersecretary General Kofi Annan of Ghana, head of the U.N. peacekeeping operation; former Niger Prime Minister Hamid Algabid, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; and the Ivory Coast foreign minister, Amara Essy.

African leaders at the Organization of African Unity endorsed Boutros-Ghali's re-election in their summit last July.

Despite the U.S. veto, the Africans had been standing behind him — in part because they would not agree on a new candidate.

Congolese Ambassador Daniel Abibi, who chairs the Africa Group at the United Nations, said he expected a decision to emerge from a meeting of French and African heads of state in Burkina Faso this week.

The United States has not endorsed a candidate. The U.S. battle to unseat Boutros-Ghali has stirred such animosity that many diplomats say a U.S. endorsement would scuttle any candidate.

The council must choose a secretary-general and forward the name to the 185-member General Assembly for ratification before Boutros-Ghali's term expires Dec. 31. Assembly President Razali Ismail of Malaysia has urged the council to complete its work by Dec. 17.

## TOYS

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from factories in China to the United States to get them here faster. The company will have shipped 1 million dolls between its July debut and Christmas and still doesn't expect to meet demand.

"You can never plan a phenomenon," said Neil Friedman, who heads Tyco's Preschool division.

Also scarce is Nintendo 64, the new video-game system that exploits advances in computer chip and software design to create 3-D play. The system costs about \$200 and each of its eight games costs about \$70. Many of the 1.2 million

machines the company allotted for Christmas in this country have already been sold.

"It's too bad, because my boys are going to be disappointed if I can't find it anywhere else," said James Lynch of Nashua, N.H., a dad who has been searching for a Nintendo since the weekend.

Even parents who succeed aren't necessarily gloating.

"I don't think I'll do it again," said Carmen Ruiz, who waited an hour at an Elizabeth, N.J., toy store last weekend to get a Nintendo for her 13-year-old daughter.

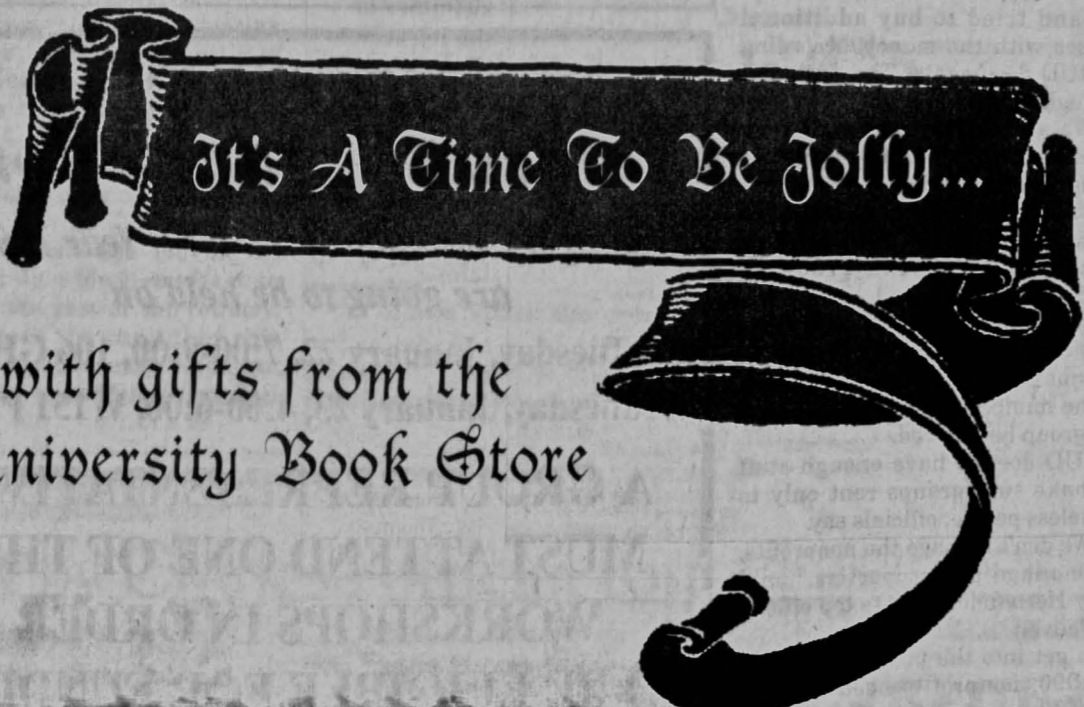
Finding a Holiday Barbie is a perennial challenge. But this year

you can't even find her new CD-ROM, which lets kids create their own fashion designs, print them and then make the outfits.


Many stores offered rain checks that guarantee the toys by Christmas, but even the rain checks have been sold out in many places. Others are offering coupons to receive the toys in 1997.

Jason Donnelly, a 12-year-old from Cossack, N.Y., still expects to find a Nintendo under his Christmas tree.


"I told my mom that's what I want and she said she'd get it," he said. "She'll find it somewhere — she better."



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## SportsBriefs

**LOCAL**

**Swimmers in San Antonio**  
The Iowa Women's swimming team will be short five members plus its head coach this weekend when it hosts the Iowa Invitational. Freshman Ileana Buciu, Stephanie Homewood, Beth Katz, Cristina Vintilla and sophomore Kara Schmitz will compete in the U.S. Open in San Antonio, Texas, today through Saturday. The remaining members of the Iowa swim team will join the men's swim team to host the Iowa Invitational Dec. 6-7.  
—Becky Gruhn

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

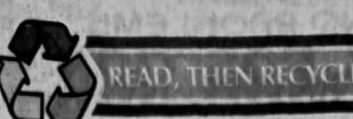
**Badgers accept invitation to Copper Bowl**  
MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin will make its third bowl appearance in four years after accepting an invitation to play in the Copper Bowl Dec. 27 at Tucson, the university announced Wednesday night. Wisconsin ended the season with a 7-5 record, 3-5 in the Big Ten, after beating Hawaii 59-10 in Honolulu last Saturday night. The other Copper Bowl team is expected to be the second place team in the Western Athletic Conference, Utah or Brigham Young. That depends on what happens Saturday when Brigham Young faces Wyoming in the conference championship at Las Vegas.

## BOXING

**Promoter says Whitaker-De La Hoya fight is set**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Pernell Whitaker, long one of the world's top fighters, is headed for a showdown with rising star Oscar De La Hoya. Dino Duva, Whitaker's promoter, said the fight will be held in May at Caesars in Las Vegas. "But they have to win their fights in January, and those opponents aren't easy," Duva said Wednesday in a conference call. De La Hoya, promoted by Bob Arum, will defend the WBC super lightweight title against Miguel Angel Gonzalez of Mexico Jan. 24 at Las Vegas. Whitaker will defend the WBC welterweight title against Diobelis Hurtado, a Cuban living in Miami, Jan. 18 at Atlantic City, N.J. Whitaker said a fight against De La Hoya "doesn't mean anything to me if I don't get the job done in January. I just have to go about my business. But the motivation is to through this guy and get to the next obstacle." Duva said contracts for Whitaker-De La Hoya are not signed, "but as far as I'm concerned the deal is done. All they have to do is win in January."

## BASEBALL

**Cardinals re-sign McGee**  
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Willie McGee will be staying with the St. Louis Cardinals, agreeing Wednesday to a \$1 million, one-year contract. McGee, 38, is a fan favorite in St. Louis, where he helped lead the Cardinals to three NL pennants and a World Series championship in the 1980s. After several years with other teams, he returned to the Cardinals last season and hit .307 in 123 games, including 63 starts.



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**NFL**  
 Philadelphia Eagles at Indianapolis Colts, 7 p.m., ESPN.

**NBA**  
 Los Angeles Clippers at Chicago Bulls, 7:30 p.m., SportsChannel.

SportsBriefs

LOCAL

Swimmers in San Antonio

The Iowa Women's swimming team will be short five members plus its head coach this weekend when it hosts the Iowa Invitational.

Freshman Ileana Buciu, Stephanie Homewood, Beth Katz, Cristina Vintilla and sophomore Kara Schmitz will compete in the U.S. Open in San Antonio, Texas, today through Saturday.

The remaining members of the Iowa swim team will join the men's swim team to host the Iowa Invitational Dec. 6-7.

—Becky Gruhn

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Badgers accept invitation to Copper Bowl

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin will make its third bowl appearance in four years after accepting an invitation to play in the Copper Bowl Dec. 27 at Tucson, the university announced Wednesday night.

Wisconsin ended the season with a 7-5 record, 3-5 in the Big Ten, after beating Hawaii 59-10 in Honolulu last Saturday night.

The other Copper Bowl team is expected to be the second place team in the Western Athletic Conference, Utah or Brigham Young. That depends on what happens Saturday when Brigham Young faces Wyoming in the conference championship at Las Vegas.

BOXING

Promoter says Whitaker-De La Hoya fight is set

NEW YORK (AP) — Pernell Whitaker, long one of the world's top fighters, is headed for a showdown with rising star Oscar De La Hoya.

Dino Duva, Whitaker's promoter, said the fight will be held in May at Caesars in Las Vegas.

"But they have to win their fights in January, and those opponents aren't easy," Duva said Wednesday in a conference call.

De La Hoya, promoted by Bob Arum, will defend the WBC super lightweight title against Miguel Angel Gonzalez of Mexico Jan. 24 at Las Vegas. Whitaker will defend the WBC welterweight title against Diobelis Hurtado, a Cuban living in Miami, Jan. 18 at Atlantic City, N.J.

Whitaker said a fight against De La Hoya "doesn't mean anything to me if I don't get the job done in January. I just have to go about my business. But the motivation is to through this guy and get to the next obstacle."

Duva said contracts for Whitaker-De La Hoya are not signed, "but as far as I'm concerned the deal is done. All they have to do is win in January."

BASEBALL

Cardinals re-sign McGee

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Willie McGee will be staying with the St. Louis Cardinals, agreeing Wednesday to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

McGee, 38, is a fan favorite in St. Louis, where he helped lead the Cardinals to three NL pennants and a World Series championship in the 1980s. After several years with other teams, he returned to the Cardinals last season and hit .307 in 123 games, including 63 starts.

# Sports

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SPORTS QUIZ

When was the last time the Iowa men's basketball team lost in its own tournament?

See answer on Page 2B.

## Lee won't push players to return from injuries

Wayne Drehs  
 The Daily Iowan

Despite being the 1996 Associated Press Women's Basketball Coach of the Year, Iowa coach Angie Lee is still learning about college coaching, and sometimes learning the hard way.

The second-year coach was taught a lesson in her team's first month this season on having players return from an injury too soon, and then prolonging their complications.

That's just what happened with junior forward Tiffany Gooden,

who missed Sunday's game with Iowa State following a relapse of the knee sprain that kept her out of Iowa's Black and Gold blowout back in October.

"We are going about it in a way that there is no push with Tiffany this time," Lee said. "We are taking it very slowly. We hope when she gets back it is for good — not one of these things where she is sore after a game and has to take a five day stay off of it. When she comes back this time it will be for good."

Lee is holding that same principle true with forward Malika Willis. The junior has missed the

entire season following arthroscopic surgery earlier this season on the same knee that she had reconstructed last year. Early reports had Willis possibly out for the season, but that has changed.

"Malika has now been getting back into practices in a non-contact sort of format, but she is very out of shape, and that's something that's going to take her awhile to get back," Lee said.

So when does Lee think her two forwards will return?

"Having them back for the Big Ten season is a natural timeline, but again, just because it is the Big

Ten season," she said. "I don't want to put somebody in there that still is not ready."

In addition to those injuries, Angie Hamblin is still recovering from a concussion that occurred last week in practice and kept her out of the Iowa State contest. She slowly returned to practice this week.

"Angie has started to do things in a non-contact way," Lee said. "That is very optimistic. She got in a couple of drills today and she was blowing up and down the floor."

"It was just one of those things where it was refreshing to her. She

missed it and it's time to get back out here. And I don't think she has lost a thing."

While Hamblin is expected to play in the tournament this weekend, Gooden and Willis aren't the only Iowa casualties. Senior center Simone Edwards won't play in Hawaii either. Her absence isn't due to the knee injury that limited her seven minutes against the Cyclones, but rather a conflict with school.

"Simone has returned to practice full-time, but she will not be going

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## Making a splash

### Hawks shoot for a return to top form

Tony Wirt  
 The Daily Iowan

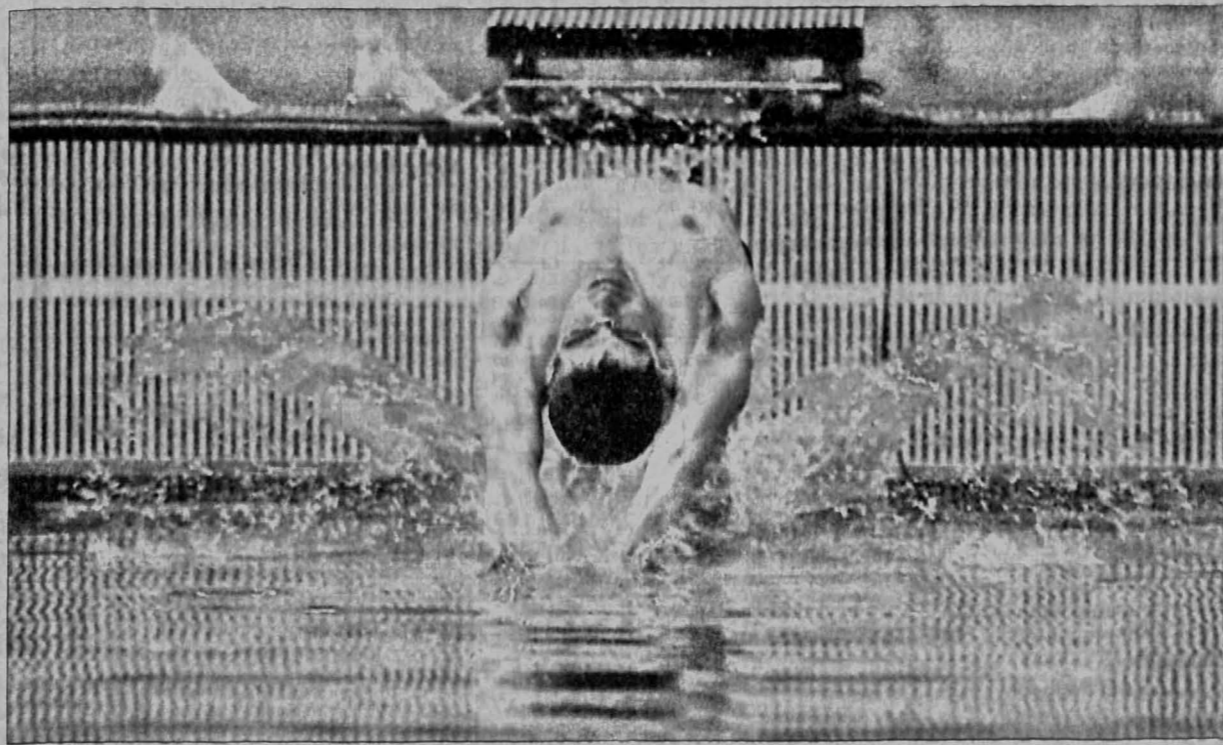
When the Iowa men's swimming team finished 33rd at the NCAA meet last season, it marked the first time in seventeen years that the Hawkeyes failed to place in the top 25. This year, coach Glenn Patton plans to bring his team back where it belongs.

Going into this year, Patton has identified the things that caused his team problems last year, and is confident that those mistakes are now in the past.

"We think we needed to improve on our self-discipline during training and we have done that," Coach Patton said. "Our fall training has been the hardest we've ever done at the University of Iowa since I've been here."

So far this season, the changes seem to be working. The Hawks have a 4-1 record in dual meets with their only loss coming in a close contest at the hands of national power Alabama. The Hawks also placed third at the Indiana Invitational, behind Pitt and the host Indiana.

One positive for the Hawkeyes is that they return

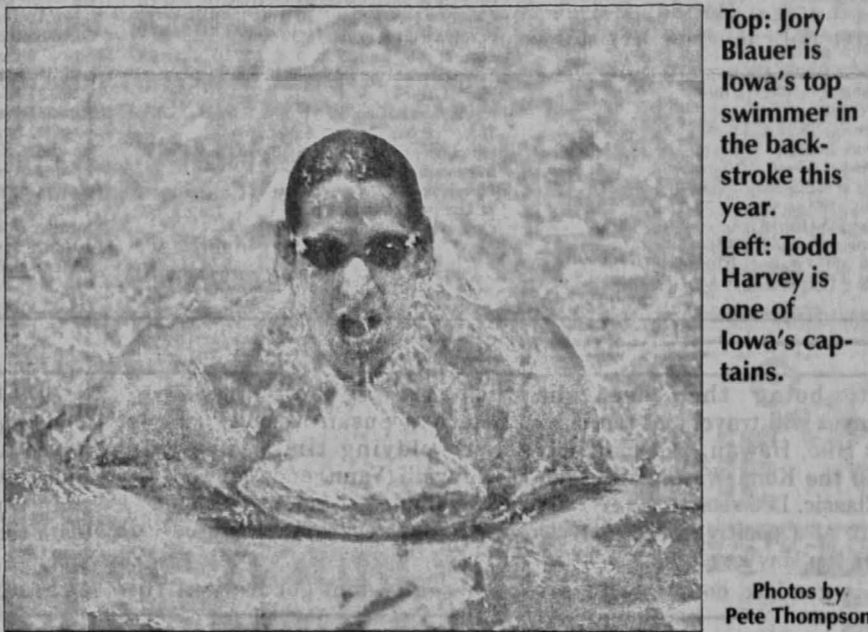


the top swimmer in each event from last year. This year's team looks to be stronger in every aspect except diving, where All-American Vico Hidalgo was lost to graduation.

Leading the talented group of returners is last year's Most Valuable Swimmer — Marco Minonne, the teams top man in the breaststroke. Minonne was the only Hawkeye swimmer to qualify for the NCAA meet last season.

Jesus (Tete) Gil is the top returner to the diving team, having qualified along with Hidalgo for the NCAA Championships last year. Gil earned All-American status

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Top: Jory Blauer is Iowa's top swimmer in the backstroke this year.  
 Left: Todd Harvey is one of Iowa's captains.

Photos by Pete Thompson

RANDOM THOUGHTS

### From Tim Dwight to Chicago baseball

Random thoughts from the world of sports:

• Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Ron Turner was hired Monday as the new head coach of the Illinois football team. Turner

promised the Illinois fans and media an "excited, wide-open" offensive attack in Champaign.

This guarantee comes from a man who now runs the No. 25 offense in the NFL. Go Illini!

• I'd like to officially nominate Iowa's Tim Dwight as a Heisman Trophy candidate for 1997. The hard-working wide receiver/kick returner probably would never win, but it couldn't hurt the NCAA's image to have a clean-cut athlete who could speak clearly in New York as a finalist. So let's get those "Dwight for Heisman" signs rolling.

• Staying with that whole Heisman theme, I am pulling for Arizona State's Jake Plummer to win this year's trophy. His number's are very comparable to Florida's Danny Wuerffel's, except Plummer's is undefeated and didn't get squashed by Nebraska. And he can speak clearly, too.



Wayne Drehs

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## Moore makes best of Iowa's situation

Chris Snider  
 The Daily Iowan

If this is Darryl Moore's 15 minutes of fame, he's certainly making the best of it.

Moore, a junior walk-on, has filled in splendidly for the Iowa basketball team with Jess Settles out of the line-up and Ryan Bowen and Kent McCausland still recovering from illnesses.

In three starts, the Chicago native has averaged ten points and eight rebounds a game. He scored 12 points and pulled down 13 rebounds Tuesday night in Iowa's 79-59 victory at Drake.

Not bad for someone who was making a name for himself playing intramural basketball a year ago.

"It's a walk-ons dream to start," Moore said. "I mean, it's a dream to get playing time, but to start — man, I love it."

Moore, who is in his fourth year with the Hawkeyes, was pressed into a starting spot when Settles, Bowen and McCausland all had to sit out the final two games of the Maui Invitational last week. He and fellow walk-on Jason Bauer have started the last three games for the Hawkeyes.



Moore

"He played real well out in Hawaii in the LSU game and then he came out and he couldn't get going in the Chaminade game," Iowa coach Tom Davis said of Moore. "He did not have a particularly good game."

Of course, Davis couldn't have expected too much from the 14th man on his 14-man travel squad to Maui, a player who didn't even have his name on his jersey.

Although Davis said Moore will get his name on his jersey, possibly as soon as this Friday's first round game of the Super Chevy Shootout, he is still unsure what role Moore will take on when the Hawkeyes return to full strength.

"What you don't know with a young guy like Darryl Moore is what kind of consistency he can come with," Davis said. "But at the very least, you know he can come with some great plays and some great minutes. At the very least, he's going to be a factor."

Four years ago, Moore probably never dreamed he'd be hearing Davis utter those words. After earning all-conference honors at DuSable High School, Division I scouts weren't exactly beating down the door of his Chicago home.

In fact, they didn't come at all. "I didn't really get recruited," Moore said. "There were some Division III schools, but I wanted to get an education from a Divi-

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Kansas proves worth vs. Cincinnati

Rick Cano  
 Associated Press

CHICAGO — Top-ranked Kansas, slowed by Cincinnati's attacking defense for a half, rallied from a 16-point deficit Wednesday night and used the play of Paul Pierce to beat the fourth-ranked Bearcats 72-65.

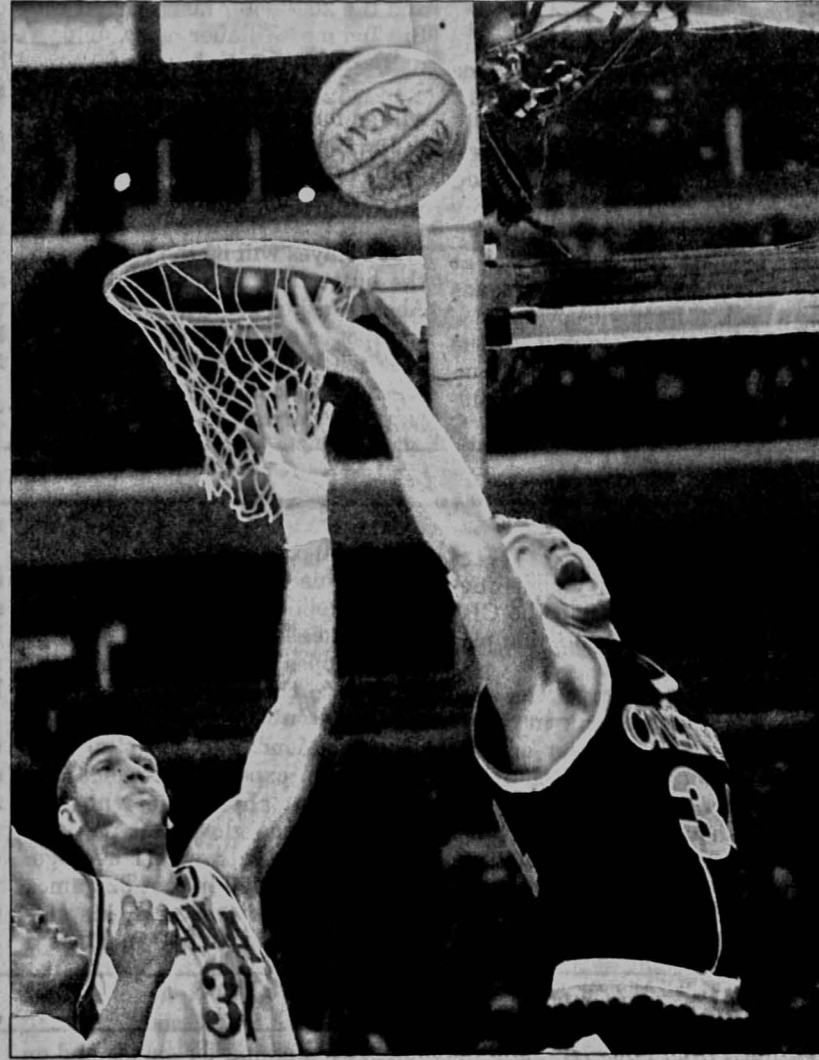
Pierce scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half and Kansas (6-0) rode a 36-14 run to wipe out the large deficit before 21,062 in the final game of the Great Eight tournament.

Scot Pollard added 14 points for Kansas.

Cincinnati (2-2), which lost the No. 1 ranking earlier this season after a defeat against Xavier, got 25 points and 11 rebounds from powerful Danny Fortson. But Fortson managed only nine second-half points before fouling out with 45 seconds to go.

With Cincinnati leading 37-23 early in the second, Fortson left the game with his third foul. While he sat out for five minutes and 17 seconds, the Jayhawks got back in the game, finally solving Cincinnati's defense.

Billy Thomas and Pierce made consecutive 3-pointers to cap an 18-2 run, a spurt that also included a spectacular stuff by Pierce, as Kansas took its first lead at 41-39.



Associated Press

Cincinnati's Bobby Brannen goes up for a rebound against Kansas' Scot Pollard during the first half of their game Wednesday in Chicago.

Cincinnati had its last lead at 43-42 with 11:43 remaining, before Kansas went on another scoring binge.

Pollard had a follow and a dunk and Ryan Robertson's 3-pointer put the Jayhawks ahead 51-44 with 9:31 left. Pierce then scored eight straight for the Jayhawks and Kansas took a 59-49 lead with sev-

en minutes remaining.

Cincinnati built its lead with a 22-5 first-half run. And when Fortson pulled his way in for a three-point play, the Bearcats led 29-13.

Thomas' 3-pointer got Kansas within 10 with 12 seconds to go but Rodrick Monroe followed up a miss, giving the Bearcats a 35-23 half-time lead.

# Sports

## QUIZ ANSWER

Dec. 6, 1985, to Arkansas State.

## NBA BOX SCORES

### Cavs 84, Magic 57

**CLEVELAND (84)**  
Mills 8-16 0-0 17, Hill 5-9 4-4 14, West 1-2 0-0 2, Phillips 2-3 0-0 5, Brandon 8-16 4-4 22, Ferry 3-12 0-0 7, Sura 2-5 1-2 6, Lang 0-1 2-2 2, Potapenko 1-3 0-0 2, Geary 0-0 0-0 0, Marshall 1-3 0-0 3, Thomas 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 33-73 11-12 84.

**ORLANDO (57)**  
McCaskill 1-7 2-2 4, Grant 4-6 0-0 8, Seikaly 3-8 3-4 9, Wilkins 5-12 0-0 10, Shaw 2-8 0-0 5, Strong 3-6 2-2 8, Armstrong 2-8 2-3 7, Vaughn 1-4 2-4 4, Demps 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 21-63 13-17 57.

Cleveland	22	21	19	22	84
Orlando	15	16	14	11	57

3-Point goals—Cleveland 7-13 (Brandon 2-3, Sura 1-1, Mills 1-2, Ferry 1-2, Marshall 1-2, Mills 1-3), Orlando 2-12 (Armstrong 1-4, Shaw 1-5, Demps 0-1, Wilkins 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 48 (Hill 9), Orlando 38 (Seikaly 7). Assists—Cleveland 25 (Brandon 8), Orlando 13 (Shaw 5). Total fouls—Cleveland 22, Orlando 19. Technical—Thomas, A.—17, 248 (17, 248).

### Jazz 101, Lakers 75

**LA LAKERS (75)**  
Kersey 4-7 0-0 9, Campbell 5-10 2-6 12, O'Neal 8-18 5-9 21, Jones 1-10 1-2 4, Van Exel 2-11 0-0 4, Knight 0-2 0-0 0, Scott 2-5 1-1 5, Fisher 1-4 2-4 4, Rooks 0-2 0-0 0, Bryant 2-6 4-6 8, Blount 1-2 0-0 2, Robinson 2-5 1-2 6. Totals 28-82 16-30 75.

**UTAH (101)**  
Russell 2-4 4-4 9, Malone 9-14 8-9 26, Ostertag 2-5 2-6, Hornacek 4-8 4-5 13, Stockton 7-11 0-0 18, Easley 1-3 0-0 2, Foster 1-2 0-0 2, Carr 0-4 0-0 0, Morris 4-7 2-2 10, Anderson 3-7 2-3 8, Keefe 1-1 1-1 3, Watson 2-0 0-0 4. Totals 36-69 25-26 101.

LA Lakers	22	13	14	26	75
Utah	24	23	31	23	101

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 3-14 (Kersey 1-1, Jones 1-3, Robinson 1-3, Scott 0-1, Fisher 0-2, Van Exel 0-4), Utah 6-13 (Stockton 4-5, Russell 1-2, Hornacek 1-3, Easley 0-1, Morris 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 55 (O'Neal 8), Utah 49 (Malone 8). Assists—Los Angeles 14 (Fisher 3), Utah 26 (Stockton 7). Total fouls—Los Angeles 20, Utah 22. Technical—O'Neal, A.—19, 911 (19, 911).

### Knicks 109, Nets 102

**NEW YORK (109)**  
Johnson 5-9 8-13 18, Oakley 4-14 6-8 14, Ewing 1-19 8-30 18, Houston 4-8 0-0 11, Childs 2-3 0-0 5, Ward 2-4 0-0 5, Starks 5-11 2-4 13, Wallace 0-3 0-0 0, B.Williams 4-8 5-6 13, McCarty 0-0 0-0 0, Brooks 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-81 29-42 109.

**NEW JERSEY (102)**  
Cill 7-21 6-20, J.Williams 7-11 4-7 18, Bradley 5-8 2-4 12, Kittles 5-14 2-2 12, Reeves 0-3 0-0 0, Pack 7-16 6-8 20, Massenburg 2-4 2-2 6, R.Williams 5-8 2-2 14. Totals 38-85 24-32 102.

New York	21	27	24	37	109
New Jersey	25	23	28	26	102

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## Spurs 113, 76ers 103

**PHILADELPHIA (103)**  
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**SAN ANTONIO (113)**  
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## Sports

### HEISMAN RACE

# Davis may get overlooked again

Chuck Schoffner  
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Last year, Troy Davis became the first 2,000-yard rusher not to win the Heisman Trophy. Now that he has put up another 2,000-yard year, will the Iowa State junior be denied again? Probably. Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel remains the favorite for the award given to the player voted the best in college football. He plays the glamour position for one of the sport's glamour programs.

Davis plays for a team that was 9-9 and has no tradition of success. That's the biggest factor working against Davis, and he thinks it's unfair. "I feel I should win it," Davis said Wednesday. "Because I'm doing something that nobody ever did in college football. They should look at it as that, not as a team not winning. If they go for individual stats, I should win it."

Davis is the first major-college player to rush for 2,000 yards twice. He became the fifth player in the 2,000-yard club when he ran for 2,010 a year ago to lead the nation. The others, Barry Sanders, Marcus Allen, Mike Rozier and Rashaan Salaam, all won the Heisman. Davis finished fifth in the voting that gave the award to Ohio State running back Eddie George.

This year, Davis ran for 2,185 yards to lead the nation again and

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Troy Davis, Iowa State running back on what he might do next season if he doesn't win the Heisman Trophy this year.

scored 21 touchdowns. He topped 200 yards five times and his low for the season was 130 yards against Texas A&M.

"I think he's got a great chance," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said. "I really do. Because of what he's done back to back. It's supposed to be for the season, but how can you ignore what he's done two seasons back to back?"

Davis has been told he's a finalist, meaning he and McCarney will be in New York for the Dec. 14 presentation. Wuerffel also has been invited.

"Anything is possible," Davis said. "If I win it, I'll be the happiest person around."

And if he doesn't? At one point, Davis said he would be so frustrated that if he



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Iowa State running back Troy Davis is tackled by Kansas State defenders Mario Smith (4) and Andrew Timmons (99) Nov. 23, 1996.

did return for his senior year — and he hasn't decided if he will — he wouldn't even want to be considered for the Heisman.

"I'd probably tell all of them, I don't want to be nominated for the Heisman if I have to do what I did this year," he said. "I'd say just forget it. I don't want to go at all."

Later, Davis backed off slightly, saying he would go to the ceremony, "but I wouldn't want to be out there."

"I know they're probably going to try the same thing," he said. "If we do have a losing season next year, they're going to say he's on a losing team again. That's why I hesitate if

I really want to go or not. But I would go there."

Davis already has been denied one major award. The Doak Walker Award, given to the nation's best running back, went to Texas Tech's Byron Hunsford, who finished second to Davis in rushing. That award is presented in Dallas, and Davis felt the fact Hunsford played in Texas weighed in his favor.

"They consider him one of the best running backs, but everybody knows who is the best running back," Davis said. "That's their pick against our pick. He's got it. I've got nothing else to say about that award."

### CYCLONE BASKETBALL

# Iowa State prepares for tournament time

Chuck Schoffner  
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — It's only December and Iowa State's basketball team already is planning for March.

Ninth-ranked Iowa State meets Tennessee-Martin on Thursday night in the first round of the Cyclone Challenge.

The Cyclones (2-0) will hold another two-day tournament later this month, and both are part of coach Tim Floyd's plan for the future.

"I like the idea of playing back-to-back games in December," Floyd said. "I think it helps us for the Big 12 tournament. I've got to believe the fact we played in three tournaments last year helped us when we got to Big Eight tournament play."

"You have to play on back-to-back nights and that's not an easy thing to do. You have to challenge your body and at the same time challenge your mind to prepare for personnel that second night."

Iowa State has defeated Alcorn State 87-58 and Maryland-Eastern Shore 82-62. Floyd has been most pleased with the rebounding and defense in those games. The Cyclones held their two opponents to 36 percent shooting.

"Our biggest improvement has been on the rebounding end," said Floyd, whose team was out rebounded by six a game in conference play last season. "We're out rebounding our opponents by 21 a game. That has been very encouraging."

Sophomore Tony Rampton, who

has been starting at center in place of Kelvin Cato, leads Iowa State with an average of 10.5 rebounds a game. Another sophomore, Klay Edwards, is averaging nine rebounds a game.

Rampton, who played little last season, also is averaging nine points a game and has been active on both ends of the floor.

"What we're seeing is activity with accomplishment," Floyd said. "Last year, we saw activity, but we didn't see much accomplishment in terms of chasing the ball down on the boards, that kind of thing. He's always been a guy who was a high energy player."

Cato was suspended for Iowa State's two exhibition games and the Alcorn State game for lack of commitment in the weight room and classroom last spring. He didn't play against Maryland-Eastern Shore because Floyd wasn't pleased with how the 6-foot-11 senior has been practicing.

Cato averaged 9.6 points and 7.7 rebounds last season and blocked a school-record 71 shots.

"I would like to think that some time during the tournament he's got a chance to help us," Floyd said.

Dedric Willoughby leads Iowa State with a 25-point scoring average and is shooting better than he did last season. Willoughby has made 10 of 16 3-point shots, 62.5 percent, and is shooting 51.6 percent overall. He shot 41.5 percent last season, including 33.7 percent from 3-point range.

## Your mission: Beat Army

David Ginsburg  
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The football offices at the Naval Academy are on the second floor of Ricketts Hall, where the walls are lined with team photos of various Navy teams over the last few decades.

The selection process is simple — the only squads that warrant a space on the wall are ones that beat Army. Only the score of the Army-Navy game is printed underneath the picture.

As if anything else matters. It's Army-Navy week, where the records and bowl implications have rarely been a factor since the series began in 1890. This time, though, the winner Saturday goes to the Independence Bowl, captures the

Commander-in-Chief's Trophy and perhaps gets to enjoy a postgame visit from President Clinton.

Of course, all that extra stuff doesn't intensify the emotional pitch. It's Army-Navy, and that's all the incentive any player needs.

"To almost everybody, this is the most important game of the season, whether both teams are 10-0 or 0-10," Navy quarterback Chris McCoy said Wednesday.

"It's a big game, no question. It would be big even were we both winless," senior fullback Omar Nelson said.

The Army-Navy game always draws a huge crowd and a national television audience, even back in the years when both teams had difficulty beating Division I-AA teams. This season, however, Army (9-1) and Navy (8-

2) are worthy of attention because of how well each team has performed.

The only flaw on Army's schedule is a loss at Syracuse, while Navy has fallen only to Boston College and Notre Dame. Because both teams beat Air Force, the winner Saturday earns the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, awarded annually to the team with the best record in games involving the service academies.

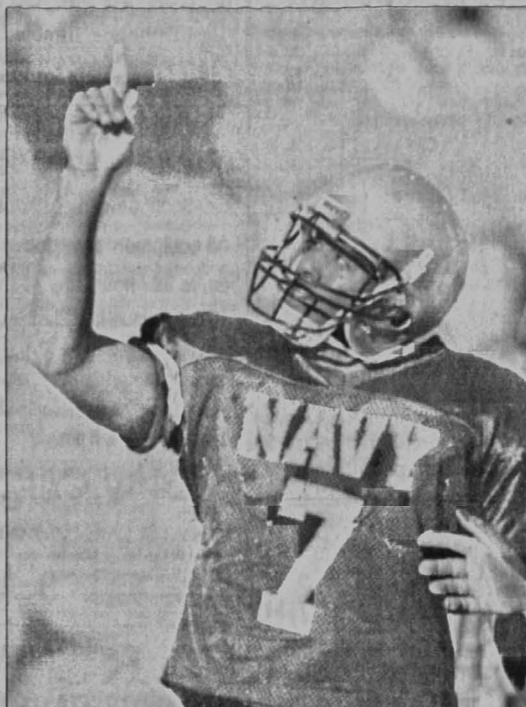
Navy is in position to win the trophy for the first time since 1981. Army last won it in 1988.

The Midshipmen are already assured of its best season since the 1981 team went 7-4-1 under George Welsh and played Ohio State in the Liberty Bowl. But it won't mean much — and there won't be a picture on the wall — if Navy isn't victorious Saturday.

The Midshipmen missed a chance at a winning season last year when Army drove 99 yards in the closing minutes to pull out a 14-13 victory, the Cadets' fourth straight in the series.

"We're a better team than we were then," Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie said. "This team knows how to win close games and knows how to come from behind. We're more mature. And I think the players are committed to each other to reach our major goal — winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy."

Clinton will be the first U.S. president to attend the game since Gerald Ford in 1974. Navy has won the last five games in which the president was in attendance, and the Midshipmen are hoping to keep that streak intact.



Navy quarterback Chris McCoy gives the number one sign after scoring a touchdown against Tulane in Annapolis, Md., Nov. 16, 1996.

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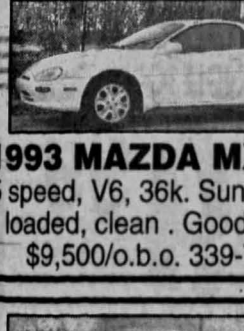
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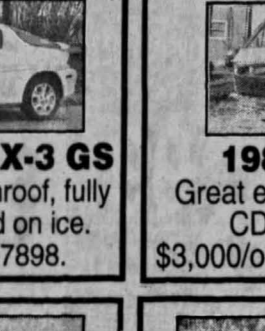
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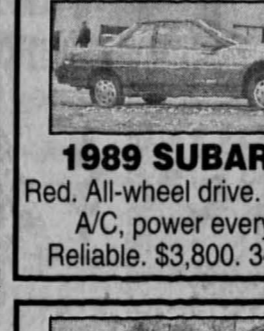
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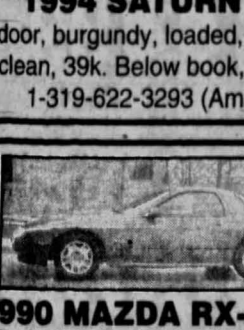
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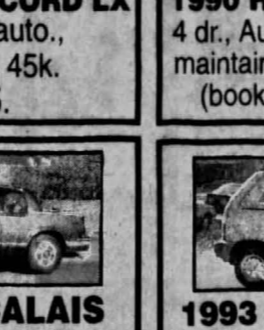
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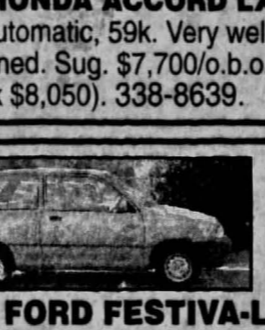
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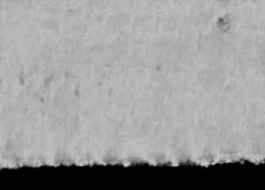
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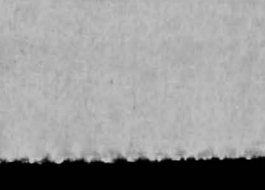
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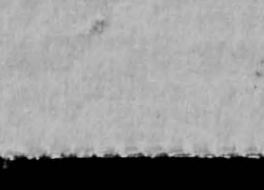
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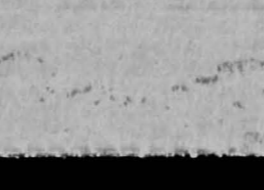
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# Sports

## NBA ROUNDUP

### Magic tie record for futility

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando Magic tied the NBA record for fewest points in a game Tuesday night as they were routed 84-57 by the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Magic became the third team since the advent of the 24-second shot clock to be held to 57, matching the output by the Milwaukee Hawks in a Feb. 27, 1955 loss to Boston and Philadelphia's futility against Miami on Feb. 21, 1996.

Terrell Brandon scored 22 points and Chris Mills added 17 for Cleveland, which held Orlando to one field goal — Darrell Armstrong's 3-pointer — in the fourth quarter.

**Heat 101, Mavericks 79**

MIAMI — Tim Hardaway scored a season-high 33 points and Miami extended its franchise-record winning streak to nine games.

The Heat tied a team record by making 15 3-point shots, and their 35 3-point tries broke the team record.

Hardaway hit 11 of 13 shots and went 6-for-6 from 3-point range.

**Pistons 100, Hawks 90**

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Terry Mills scored 14 of his season-high 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead Detroit over Atlanta.

Detroit also got 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists from Grant Hill, as well as 22 points from Joe Dumars. Mookie Blaylock led the Hawks with 21 points, and Steve Smith added 18.

**Knicks 109, Nets 102**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Patrick Ewing rebounded from one of his worst games with 30 points and New York hit 17 of 22 free throws in the fourth quarter in beating New Jersey.

## NHL ROUNDUP

### Hodson, Detroit KO Capitals

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Darren McCarty and Sergei Fedorov each scored a goal, and Kevin Hodson made 19 saves as the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Washington Capitals 2-0 Wednesday night.

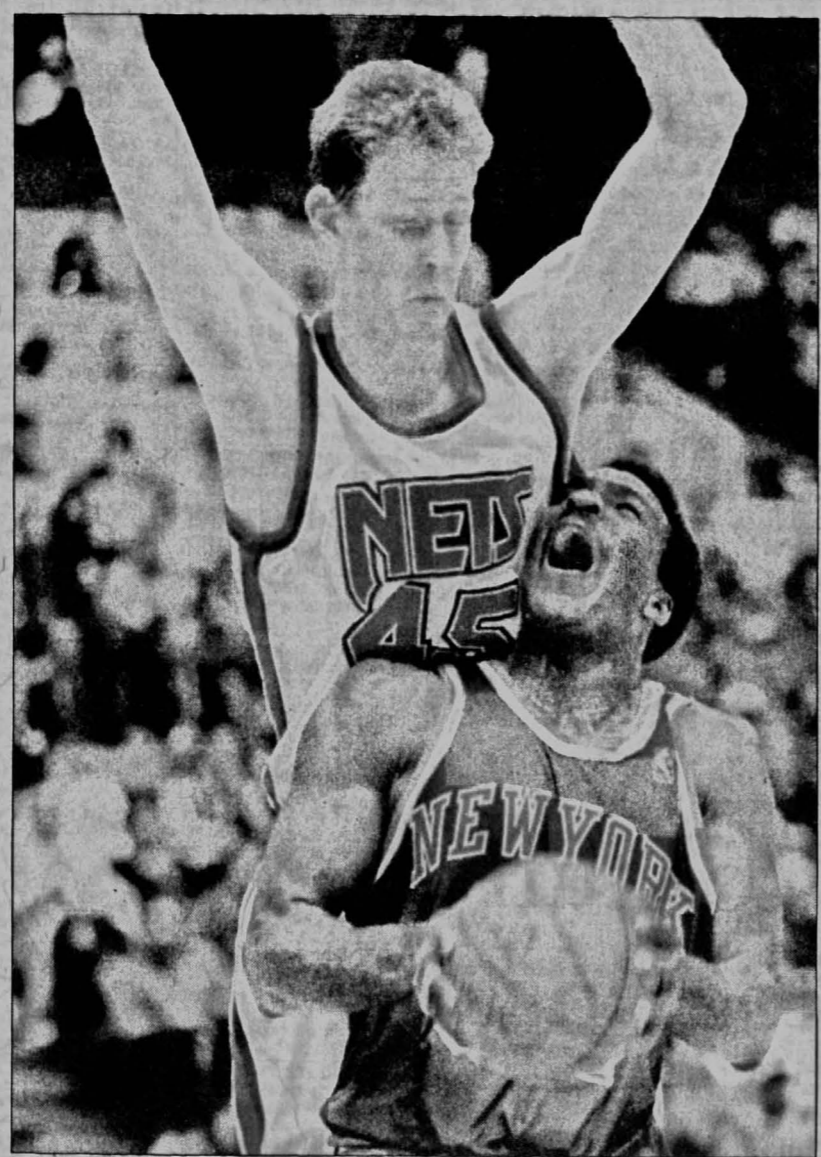
McCarty's goal was Detroit's third consecutive on the power play over the last two games. Fedorov scored the other Red Wings' goal shorthanded, giving them their fourth shorthanded goal of the season and clinching coach Scotty Bowman's 990th career victory.

Hodson won his first game in his second start of the season following a 2-2 tie against Chicago on Oct. 25. Hodson now is 3-0-1 in his career.

### Flyers 1, Rangers 1

NEW YORK — Eric Lindros scored his first goal of the season to pull the Philadelphia Flyers into a 1-1 tie with the New York Rangers.

Lindros, who has missed 23 games this season due to a groin injury, broke up a shutout by



New York's Charles Oakley looks up to see he is closely guarded by New Jersey's Shawn Bradley Wednesday in East Rutherford, N.J.

### Jazz 101, Lakers 75

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 26 points and John Stockton added 18, including four 3-pointers, as Utah won its 12th straight game.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 21 points and Elden Campbell added 12 for the Lakers, whose three-game winning streak was halted as they were held to their lowest point total of the season.

### Rockets 94, Celtics 89

HOUSTON — Charles Barkley scored 19 points and grabbed 27 rebounds for Houston, which was

bolstered by the return of Hakeem Olajuwon from a heart problem.

### Spurs 113, 76ers 103

SAN ANTONIO — Dominique Wilkins, playing in his 1,000th NBA game, scored 24 points to help San Antonio break its eight-game losing streak.

Avery Johnson also scored 24 points, including 18 in the fourth quarter and seven in the last 1:06.

### Suns 118, Warriors 87

PHOENIX — A.C. Green and Michael Finley scored a season-high 21 points apiece as Phoenix won for only the second time this season.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PICKS

### Huskers will quiet Longhorn QB Brown

Richard Rosenblatt  
Associated Press

James Brown may have to be the hardest working quarterback in college football if he thinks Texas can beat Nebraska by three touchdowns.

Brown, obviously full of confidence after a 51-15 rout of Texas A&M last week, predicted his Longhorns would upset No. 3 Nebraska in Saturday's Big 12 title game in St. Louis.

"I think we're going to win by three touchdowns," said Brown, even though Texas is a 20-point underdog. "If they blitz us, and we make plays against the blitz, we'll be all right."

Big if.

Ever since their 19-0 loss to Arizona State on Sept. 21, the Cornhuskers (10-1) have outscored nine opponents 430-83, winning by an average margin of 38.5 points a game. And that includes last week's 17-12 victory over No. 7 Colorado.

"I watched the Colorado game and they sacked Detmer every other time he dropped back to pass," said Brown. "To sack me, if I have to run, I will. Otherwise, I'll stand in the pocket and pass."

The Huskers, with an outside chance at a third straight national title, need a win to move into a Sugar Bowl matchup against No. 1 Florida State on Jan. 2. To win the title, they need No. 2 Ohio State to beat No. 2 Arizona State in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, then they must beat the Seminoles in New Orleans.

There are two other league titles at stake on Saturday: No. 4 Florida (10-1) plays No. 15 Alabama (9-2) for the SEC title and a probable Orange Bowl berth, while No. 6 Brigham Young plays No. 20 Wyoming for the WAC title.

Texas should have its hands full against Nebraska, which ranks fourth in overall defense (232.9 yards per game) and fourth against the run (77.8 yards). Texas counters with an offense ranked 12th overall at 456.6 yards per game.

Brown has completed 151-of-271 passes for 2,115 yards and 16 TDs, while tailback Ricky Williams has 1,265 yards rushing.

For the Huskers, fifth in rushing at 296.4 yards per game, Ahman Green (917 yards) is doubtful with a foot injury. The other I-backs, Damon Benning and DeAngelo Evans are also ailing. Benning with a sprained ankle, Evans with groin pull.

### Rose Bowl coaches agree: ASU is No. 1

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — In a very small and admittedly very biased poll, unbeaten Arizona State was No. 1 Wednesday and given a shot at winning at least a share of the national college football title.

The voters were Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder and Ohio State coach John Cooper. Their teams just happen to play each other in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Snyder and Cooper said they voted the Sun Devils No. 1 in the latest USA Today-CNN coaches' poll. Arizona State is ranked No. 2 behind undefeated Florida State in both The Associated Press poll and coaches' poll, with unbeaten Ohio State at No. 5.

"I've not seen anybody play better than us," Snyder said at a news conference for the Rose Bowl coaches. "There might be teams as talented or more talented, but this team is playing so well together, fits so well together."

"If they win this game, they should at least share the national championship," Cooper said. "All you can do is win all your games."

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# Eighty Hours

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How much does the average shopper spend on gifts during the holiday season?  
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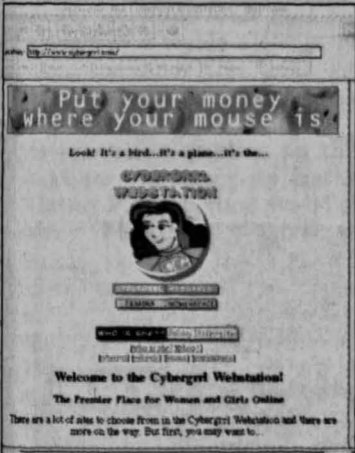


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# Holiday Shopping

## Nifty, thrifty ways to stuff those Christmas stockings

**W**hen you were younger, Christmas gifts consisted of socks, candy and arts and crafts made in kindergarten that contained more glue than they did craft. They were all cheap and simple, but they were dearly cherished by mothers, fathers and grandparents.

Well, now you're older, and while you've thankfully moved past the homemade Christmas ornament stage, you still have no money. Instead, there are finals to worry about on top of the Christmas presents that must be bought for a couple hundred of your loved ones and friends. And who has the time or the money to run off to the mall for anything other than food?

In the spirit of Christmas and gift giving, *The Daily Iowan* has graciously compiled a list of gifts you can purchase for less than \$20. These gifts range from the outrageously bizarre to the beautifully simple, and were all thoughtfully crafted by concerned and caring people (or panicked and stressed ones).

So grab a few bucks, rip out that wrapping paper and start your shopping. And if all else fails, remember: It's the thought that counts.

**Soap:** Everyone likes to toast their tootsies in a warm bubble bath and indulge with scented soaps. This gift is especially good for overinvolved moms who deserve some pampering. Head on over to The Soap Opera, 119 E. College St., to find a wide range of soap specialties. Individual soaps range in cost from 75 cents to \$1. Special gift boxes that include soaps, lotions and other goodies can be found with prices ranging from \$7-\$15. Or make your own!

**Candles:** They might burn down your residence hall, but they smell good anyway. Plain, scented candles can cost a mere dollar or two at Thingsville, Old Capitol Mall, or beautifully decorated glow candles range from \$10-\$20, depending on size. You can garnish your gift with a packet of incense or potpourri that costs \$2 from The Soap Opera.

**Make a tape:** Perhaps the simplest and easiest of gift of all, the cost is only a \$1-\$2 tape cassette and a little creativity. Assemble a collage of tunes, or just bootleg that album your friend has been wanting for ages (but of course can't afford). The best part of this gift is showing off what an

### Low-cost gift ideas for required people on the list

Everyone has at least one person on their shopping list they don't want to purchase a present for. The DI has five suggestions on how to actually get that person something for nothing (or at least very little).

**Free T-shirts:** Still mad at your siblings for getting you some useless Tupperware for your birthday? Go to the Union and sign up for a credit card. Get the most generic T-shirt. Wrap it in a DI newspaper and throw them a smirk when they unwrap the present.

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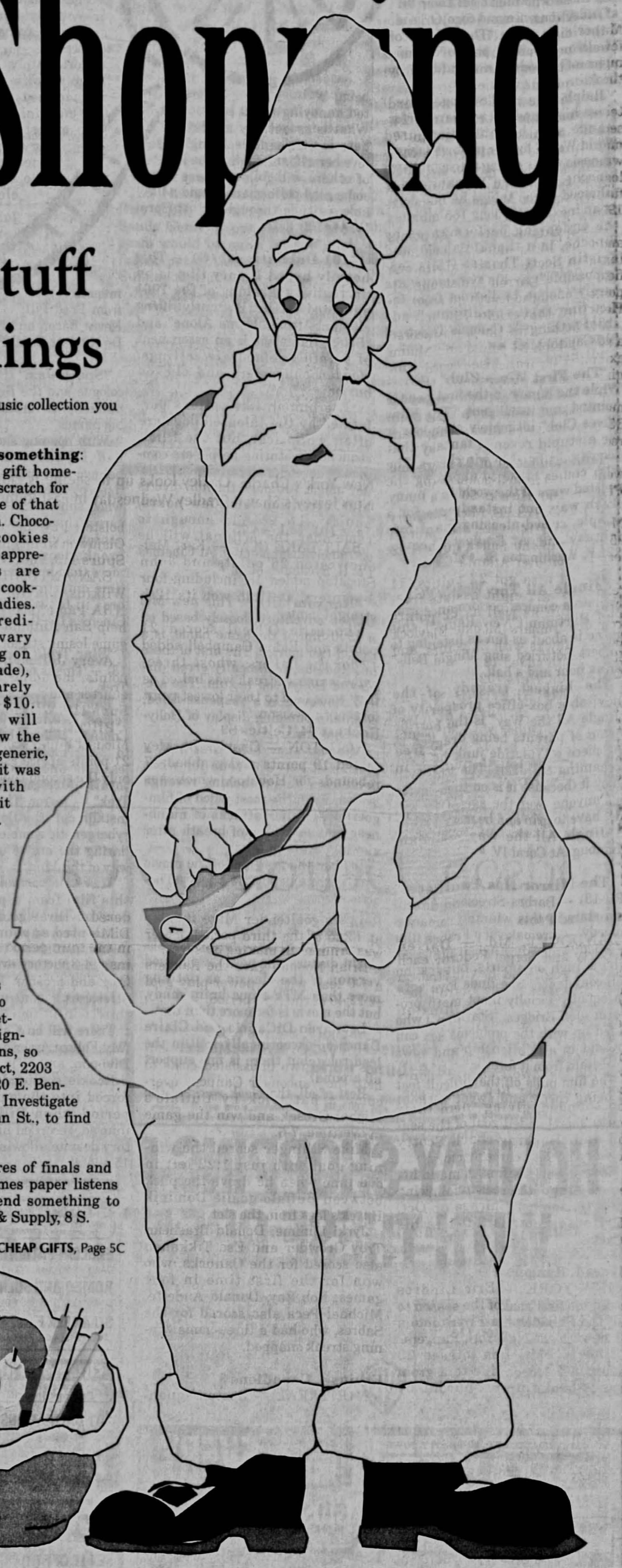
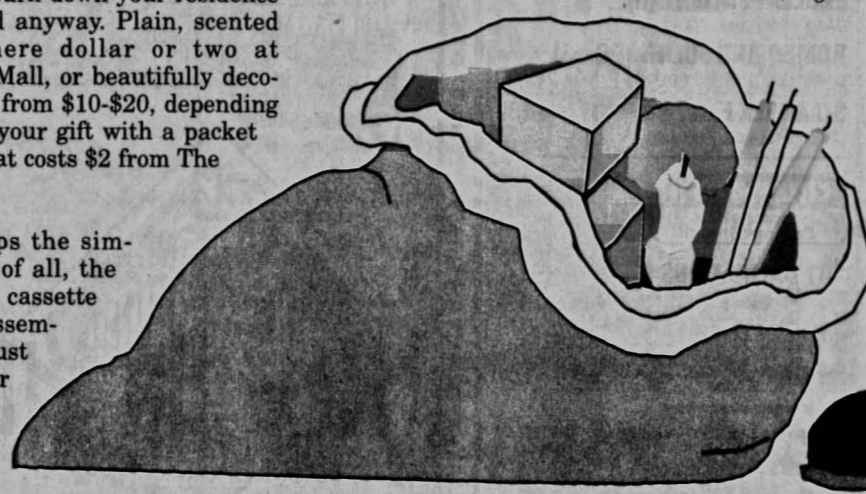
Make your gift homemade from scratch for a little more of that loving touch. Chocolate-chip cookies are always appreciated, as are Christmas cookies and candies. While ingredients vary (depending on what is made), the cost rarely exceeds \$10. Relatives will never know the flour was generic, as long as it was made with care and it tastes good.

### Consign-ment clothing:

Some of the best outfits can be found at secondhand stores for relatively cheap prices. Because of the variety of clothing choices and sizes, it's a good idea to bring along the person your getting the outfit for. Many consignment stores do not allow returns, so choose wisely. Try The Second Act, 2203 F St., or the Savvy Boutique, 320 E. Benton St., for the best used duds. Investigate Betty's Bad Clothes, 106 S. Linn St., to find vintage clothing.

**Journal:** With those pressures of finals and finding Christmas gifts, sometimes paper listens better than people. Give a friend something to write about. Stop by Iowa Book & Supply, 8 S.

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Gene Romero/The Daily Iowan

## Homemade presents bring touch of personality

Sara Kennedy  
 The Daily Iowan

When the Christmas season rolled around last year, UI alumnus David Ash had about a buck in the bank and a friend with a kiln.

That combination left his family members with a lot of homemade clay gifts, but Ash said they understood his financial drought and even seemed to appreciate his handiwork.

"They thought it was great, but what can you say?" Ash said. "They're not gonna say it sucks."

Many UI students are putting their time and talents into homemade gifts this season — sometimes to save money and sometimes just to add a more personal touch to a commercialized holiday.

UI senior Danielle Purvey, who is making monogrammed wreaths, angles and scented pillows for her family members, said she got the idea to make homemade gifts from a recent trip to the Amana Colonies. The challenge of making a quality gift by hand coupled with a less than impressive bank account were Purvey's main motivators.

"I'm broke," she said with a laugh.



Pete Thompson/The Daily Iowan

Dawn's Hide & Bead Away, a homemade-gift extravaganza, offers beads of every shape, color, material and price, as well as cord, twine and other accessories.

"Actually, the cost in supplies is not being able to do it and make my own cheap. I just got into this this year. I like stuff. It's a more personalized touch, and

it's fun to see the reactions people in my family have to it. If you can do something and do it nicely so it lasts for years, it becomes a memory that continues."

### Conjuring up an idea

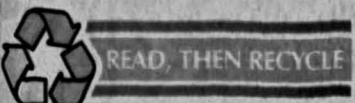
Although Ash got a good reaction to his homemade handiwork, he said he doesn't have the time to make personalized presents this year. The clay picture frames and ashtrays that filled his family's stockings last year will be replaced by store-bought gifts.

Purvey, on the other hand, said her craft work could become a tradition. There are people on her list, however, who won't be the beneficiary of her labor — like her boyfriend.

"The things he wants don't entail a lot of flowers and hot glue," she said.

Purvey said the biggest challenge she has faced so far has been her inexperience in doing craft work. She said she has walked through entire craft stores only to feel more confused by the massive amounts of options and new ideas she has developed.

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## Arts & Entertainment

### Now showing at a theater near you ...

**"Daylight" (PG-13)** — Sylvester Stallone ("Judge Dredd") plays a former Emergency Medical Services worker who attempts to rescue commuters trapped in a tunnel under the Hudson River. Opens Friday at Coral IV Theatres, Coralville.

**"The English Patient" (R)** — For those who didn't get their fill of sudsy romance and corny come-hither dialogue in "The Bridges of Madison County," this overblown piece of melodrama should do the trick.

Ralph Fiennes ("Strange Days") gives his standard wooden performance as a horribly disfigured World War II fighter pilot who feigns amnesia to his caring nurse (Juliette Binoche, "Damage") because he is ashamed of the things he has done. At an inexplicably long 165 minutes, the endearing performances by Binoche, in a thankless role, and Kristin Scott Thomas ("Mission: Impossible") as his paramour, are barely enough to distract from the fact that this is really much ado about nothing. At Campus Theatres, Old Capitol Mall. ••

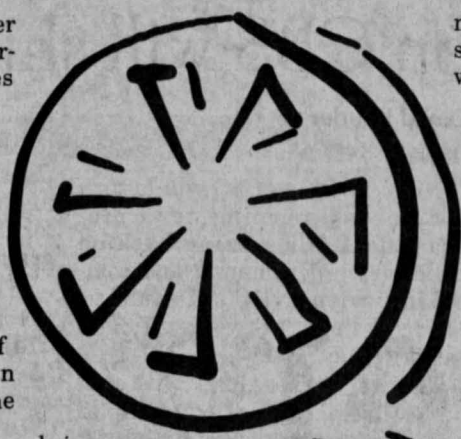
**"The First Wives Club" (PG)** — While the humor in the first hour is pointed and intelligent, "The First Wives Club" ultimately abandons it for a stupid revenge fantasy that seems calculated to win cheers. The film comes close to exposing the twisted ways of the world in a funny, fresh way, but instead opts for a simple, crowd-pleasing jaunt into fantasyland. At Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St. ••1/2

**"Jingle All the Way" (PG)** — Despite a comical performance from Phil Hartman ("NewsRadio"), this movie is about as fun as listening to Gilbert Gottfried sing "Jingle Bells" for an hour and a half.

The biggest tragedy of the inevitable box-office prosperity of "Jingle All the Way" is the horrific vision of parents being dragged to the piece of Yuletide junk by their screaming children. The kids will enjoy it (because it is on their level), but anyone over the age of 10 will just have to grin and bear it.

"Jingle All the Way"? ... Bah. Humbug. At Coral IV. •

**"The Mirror Has Two Faces" (PG-13)** — Barbra Streisand directs and stars in this winning romantic comedy — a remake of a French film — about a dowdy English professor who is high on smarts, but low on self-confidence. She finds love with an equally socially inept math professor (Jeff Bridges, "Starman") who is fed up with the problems sex can present in a relationship and vows to abstain from it forever. The film pulls off the difficult feat of being corny and sweet without



being too annoying about it. What is essentially at play here is Streisand learning to love herself, and finding the love of others will follow. There are some good performances, and a likable attitude throughout. At Coral IV. ••1/2

**"101 Dalmatians" (G)** — This heavily hyped Disney film is an uncreative rehashing of the 1961 animated classic. Blatantly lifting elements from "Home Alone" and "Babe," the movie is an assortment of painfully elaborate settings, wooden characters and clichéd humor.

The human-like actions performed by the talented dogs are often whimsical, but the film's sequences featuring people are completely devoid of any trademark Disney magic. Although the film diverts kids' attention for a few hours, adults who are old enough to remember the original will be extremely disappointed. At Cinemas I & II, Sycamore Mall. •

**"Ransom" (R)** — This new Mel Gibson adventure, loosely based on a 1950 film of the same name, is a tale of two movies. The first of these is a tedious, technically erred display of Hollywood hokum. The second, however, is a suspense-filled, adrenalin-pumping display of Hollywood hokum.

After an uneventful first half, a plot twist sets the tone for what becomes a gut-wrenching revenge drama. Even the most jaded of filmgoers will suffer attacks of numbness and shortness of breath after viewing "Ransom."

Too bad the first half of the movie isn't worth a penny. At Englert Theatre. •••

**"Romeo & Juliet" (PG-13)** — Cynics and Shakespeare purists might dismiss this new, revisualized version of the classic as nothing more than MTV-esque brain candy, but the movie is far more than that.

Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes do exceptionally well in the lead roles, but there is fine support all around. Best of all, the bleak world of the

movie makes the lovers' ultimate solution even more moving than it was in the original text. At Campus Theatres. •••1/2

**"Sleepers" (R)** — The film tells the supposedly true tale based on a story of reform-school child abuse. The movie dips into the dark side in the reform-school scenes, and, even though they are mercifully nonexplicit, these sequences are gruelingly painful to watch.

Unfortunately, Levinson follows them up with a third act that is concerned mainly with revenge machinations. Viewers can almost feel the movie slipping away as the complicated revenge plot starts to abandon the human element, which overshadows solid performance

from Brad Pitt, Kevin Bacon and Robert De Niro. At Coral IV. ••1/2

**"Space Jam" (PG)** — Forget the cologne and the Big Macs — this is publicity at its height with all the big names.

With opening shots looking like a bad TV show, the line between believe and make-believe is badly drawn, literally. It's bad enough when supermodels decide to make a career change into acting, but when athletes cross that line, all hell breaks loose. "Space Jam" is no more than a multimillion-dollar half-time entertainment for sports figures in between career moves. At Cinemas I & II. •1/2

**"Star Trek: First Contact" (PG-13)** — This is not your father's "Star Trek."

The eighth film in the space series, ironically subtitled "First Contact," takes a bold new approach to the formula. There's more action, less talk and the film introduces a totally foreign element to "Star Trek" — terror. The villains in this installment, the Borg, are a race of cybergenetic zombies bent on assimilating the entire universe to their way of thinking.

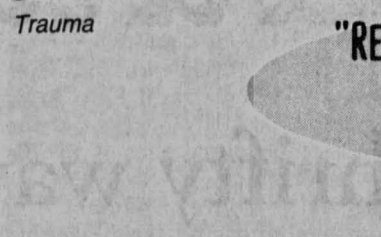
There isn't much to knock about this film from a pure enjoyment point of view. With broad humor and a talented supporting cast, this installment shows there are no signs that this film series will cease to live long and prosper. At Campus Theatres. •••

There will be a sneak previews of "My Fellow Americans" Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and "The Preacher's Wife" Sunday at 7 p.m. at Cinemas I & II.

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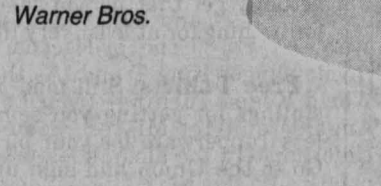
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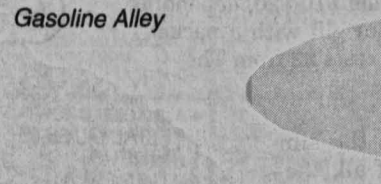
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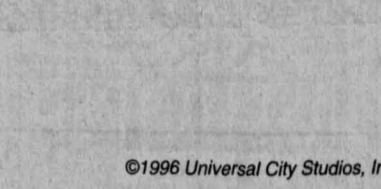


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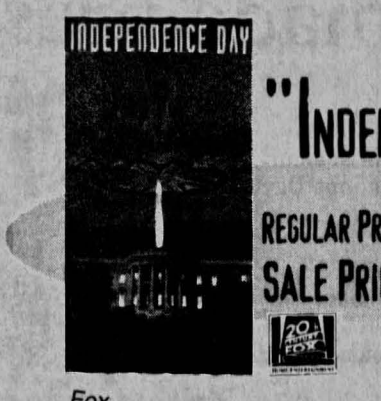


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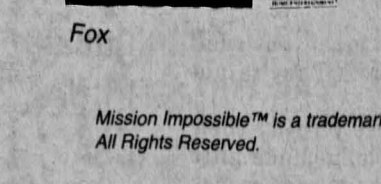
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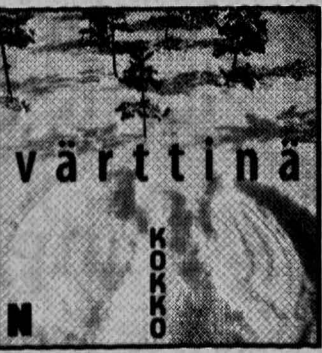
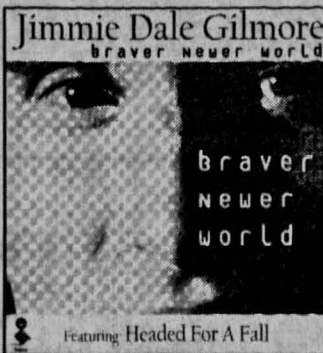
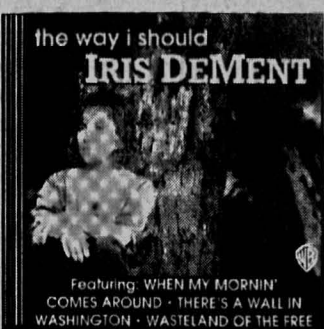


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## Cable cha

When I finally got home to Minnesota this Thanksgiving, I found, thanks to my local cable company, it really is a wonderful life.

Sometime in the three months after I split for college, my local cable company kindly added the all-classic movie channel TCM, or Turner Classic Movies, to my family's basic cable package. They did this after I had been lusting after TCM for several months.

Previously, most old-movie buffs with cable could feast on American Movie Classics, another 24-hour classic movie channel. But AMC can't legally air old MGM or Warner Bros. films, which most movie-philes recognize as the crème de la crème of classic movies.

Entertainment mogul Ted Turner held the rights to the vast majority of these movies, and he finally seemed to realize that chopping them up with commercials or colorizing (a.k.a. "bas-tardizing") them on TNT wasn't satisfying the people who really wanted to see them. So he wisely started his own channel of uncut, commercial-free classic movie

## CD Releases

### Dr. Dre presents variety of fresh talent, veteran rappers

In a rap industry filled with rooks and pawns, the king has finally returned to deliver a musical check-mate.

As producer of 11 platinum albums, Dr. Dre has become the most influential talent in rap music. After examining his life during a six-month jail sentence, Dr. Dre exited the company he helped create (Death Row Records) to start anew. Shedding his violent image, he established monarch-like creative control by founding a new kingdom, titled Aftermath Entertainment.

The label's first release, *The Aftermath*, is an ambitious showcase of newcomers and familiar veterans. Often backed by swirling violins as thundering base lines, the album offers listeners a diverse collection

### Bush trades in modern rock for grunge on 2nd release

It appears Bush spent more time in Seattle than London while recording their latest release, *Razorblade Suitcase*, an album trying to resurrect Kurt Cobain and grunge.

Recorded and heavily influenced by Steve Albini, known for his work with Nirvana's *In Utero* and PJ Harvey's *Rid of Me*, *Razorblade Suitcase* is nothing but a feeble attempt at recreating the innovative brilliancy of these two legendary punk rock geniuses.

This imitative quality on the album is most apparent on tracks like "Greedy Fly," a blatant rip-off of Nirvana's "Milk It." Listen close enough and vocalist/guitarist Gavin Rossdale uncannily reproduces Cobain's angst-laden croon throughout the album. Let's not forget "Insect Kin," a fine reproduction of Harvey's "Rid of Me."

The album's ingenuity is best explained through Rossdale's strain on "Greedy Fly" when he bolsters "We are servants to our formulaic ways." How right he is.

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## Arts & Entertainment

# 'Lenz' sketches life of unstable playwright

Katharine Horowitz  
The Daily Iowan

It isn't often that a director is able to find a script of such theatrical power and energy that it surpasses all others she has read in its quality.

However, when UI assistant professor of theatre arts Carol MacVey read "Lenz," Mike Stott's adaptation of the novella "Woyzeck" by Georg Buechner, she found such a script.

"I had read the original by Buechner and loved it, but I didn't know of any stage adaptations until I saw Mike Stott's version," MacVey said. "I read the script in one sitting and my mind just raced. My blood churned. It was like I was possessed."

That was in 1982, and since then MacVey had been trying and failing to get the play produced within the UI Department of Theatre Arts. However, a chance opening in the 1996-97 season prompted her to grab the opportunity to perform "Lenz," which opens tonight at 8 in Theatre A of the Theatre Building.

An actual historical figure, Jacob Lenz, an unstable playwright who lived in the 18th century, alternated between emotions of despair and exaltation. Modern analyses of Lenz's moods and behavior have led to the conclusion that he was afflicted with a mental illness — probably schizophrenia.

"Lenz" portrays an episode of the artist's life when he went to a mountain village to try and

change his life around," said UI graduate student Stephen Thorne, who portrays Lenz.

"He comes to the village praying that he will be welcomed somewhere by someone," Thorne said. "But he finds out how difficult that really is. The play is not about a guy who is mentally ill. Lenz literally tries to change his life, wanting to transcend into a better person."

It was the psyche and personality of Lenz that first attracted Thorne to the character and the script, and that prompted many hours of research.

"Lenz has this incredible mind," Thorne said. "It's very dexterous, very agile. He hops from one thing to another. Lenz is someone you would want to know in life, but at the same time would not want to know. To be around him would make you feel high, and also scared. It's the electricity about him that is fascinating."

Thorne said his preparation for the role was demanding and strenuous due to the ever-changing nature of his character.

"It was very difficult because in the play you are dealing with these huge concepts of God, love,

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UI assistant professor of theatre arts Carol MacVey

religion, human communication and contact, and you could take six months to study each one," he said. "But we only had four weeks. We had to work overtime and it was an incredible amount of work emotionally, mentally and physically."

Time was the overall factor and problem during rehearsals, MacVey said. With a minimal amount of only four weeks to rehearse complex scenes and intricate emotional conflicts, the difficulty to connect everything together posed problems.

However, it was the cast and crew that unified an incredible accomplishment, MacVey said.

"Directing 'Lenz' was the most pleasurable experience I have ever had in theatre," MacVey said. "It was a lot of work, but the amazing thing about it was that it was worry-free. A thousand things can go wrong during a show. But with 'Lenz' I didn't have to worry, because I knew the acting was already there, as was the set design and lighting. It was a true team effort of inspired people."

It is the passion and excitement of the cast and of the play

that MacVey hopes will transmit itself to the audience. Even after the curtain goes down, MacVey said, the audience will still have the image imprinted in their minds.

"I want to present something that is full of passion, joy, life and truth about our lives," she said. "I want the audience to believe and be engaged in a picture of that world and I want them to be there and to understand. And I think we as a cast have done that. I am very proud of 'Lenz.'"

"Lenz" will be performed tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets for the performance are available at the door for \$6, \$3 for UI students and senior citizens.

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But why now? In response to that question during a recent chat, Leach charted TV's moral descent — rock-bottom, he said, was last year's "talk-show slaying" of one "Jenny Jones" guest by another.

"What television became, really, was Nero in Rome in the arena throwing the Christians to the lions," Leach said with his typical poetics — "a spectacle, an excuse for MAYhem and MADness."

So Leach resolved it was time for a reality show based on good will, built around the sort of uplifting stories he had stumbled upon through the years, but had never had an outlet for.

Nielsen Media Research figures released Tuesday.

The four biggest networks finished in the same order in the November "sweeps" period, used by local TV stations to set ad rates.

1. "NFL Monday Night Football: Pittsburgh at Miami," ABC
2. "Home Improvement," ABC
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5. "NBC Sunday Night Movie: 'Jurassic Park,'" NBC
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7. "60 Minutes," CBS
8. "NYPD Blue," ABC
9. "Movie of the Week: 'Home Alone,'" NBC
10. "Spin City," ABC

**Robin Leach turns from the famous to the unsung on 'Heroes America'**

NEW YORK (AP) — The rich and famous have lost their allure. Just ask Robin Leach, who now is banking on the virtuous and unsung.

He started Wednesday night on "Heroes America," a one-hour special that aired on the USA cable network. It could return as a weekly series come spring, "depending on the amount of noise the special makes," Leach said.

For the new show he pledges "a quieter Robin Leach," but even that's a matter of opinion. Behold the British-born Leach at the top of the show, the U.S. Capitol dome over his shoulder, declaring his subjects "taRUE-baLUE paRROOF" of America's greatness.

Not that he doesn't make a good case for his slate of a half-dozen "homespun heroes."

A varied and inspiring lot, they include an 84-year-old washerwoman who saved a quarter-million dollars, then donated much of it to set up college scholarships. A teen beauty queen who, for the past three years, has focused her energies not on runways and tiaras but on feeding Baltimore's inner-city homeless.

## NewsBriefs

**Actress leaves 'Spin City' to pursue film career**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Carla Gugino, who plays Michael J. Fox's nosy reporter girlfriend on "Spin City," has left the popular ABC television series to pursue a film career.

"It was a mutual agreement between her to pursue her film career and for the show to focus more heavily on the City Hall environment," her publicist, Stephen Huvane, said Tuesday.

Her last appearance will be in the Dec. 17 episode, said a statement from DreamWorks, which produces the series.

In the show, Fox plays a conniving New York City deputy mayor who scrambles to prevent the often politically incorrect mayor (Barry Bostwick) from sticking his foot in his mouth.

Gugino played Fox's live-in girlfriend, a reporter covering City Hall. "As story lines gravitate increasingly towards the mayor's office, the opportunities for her character are very limited," DreamWorks said. "Thus, she is being released to pursue her film career and other opportunities."

Gugino, 25, appears in "The War At Home," a film directed by Emilio Estevez and also starring his father, Martin Sheen, which opened last Friday. She also will appear in "Michael," starring John Travolta.

**Nielsens**

NEW YORK (AP) — Even without its powerhouse Thursday night lineup, NBC won the ratings race for the eighth week in the 11-week fall TV season and completed its domination of an important month for television.

NBC scored a 10.9 during Thanksgiving week, when a special holiday schedule replaced Thursday night's shows.

CBS came in second with a 9.9, followed by ABC (9.4 rating) and Fox (7.0 rating), according to

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## HOMEMADE GIFTS

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Ash said the problems he encountered also had to do with experience.

"I tried to make a cup for my sister, but when I put it in the kiln with the other stuff it exploded," he said. "It went everywhere, so my sister's cup was on everyone else's stuff."

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makes glass beads, and there is room for employees to teach bead stringing to customers in the store.

"It's a more relaxing alternative to holiday giving," Hartig said. "You can take a pile of beads to the corner of your room and take some quiet time to think about the people you're giving to. It's a more personal approach. You're giving something of yourself."

Hartig said hemp jewelry has become very popular recently, and the store has a table dedicated to beads with wider openings and styles suitable for hemp necklaces and bracelets. The store also has balls of hemp customers can braid and weave and will soon have special boards designed specifically for hemp jewelry.

To bring out that inner artist that has been stifled by chemistry labs and periodic tables, Dick

*It's a more personalized touch, and it's fun to see the reactions people in my family have to it. If you can do something and do it nicely so it lasts for years, it becomes a memory that continues."*

UI senior **Danielle Purve**, on homemade gifts she has given in the past

Blick, 225 E. Washington St., offers supplies such as paints, crayons, markers and a variety of papers. The store's assistant manager, Rosanne Wild, said many of these supplies are being bought to make individualized greeting

cards.

"It's a personal touch," she said. "Buying a pack of greeting cards at Wal-Mart is getting old to people. You're also getting 25 or 30 in the mail that all look the same. Handmade cards are more special. It's not so much like a form letter."

Other hot sellers at Dick Blick during the holidays are spiral-bound scrap books that can be filled with photos, letters or anything else that will remind your loved one of good times. The store also sells book-making kits that allow you to chose your own cover and paper style.

#### Wrapping up

Ash said although many of the gifts he has made for his family have ended up in a shoe box in his mother's closet, some have been

genuine hits and bring back fond memories of growing up.

"I made a candy snowman when I was little that turned green a couple of years ago," he said. "But my mom still puts it up."

Purvey's advice for budding homemade gift givers is to get an idea and then make it your own.

"Most of the ideas I've gotten are from walking through craft stores and seeing what I like and wondering if I can do it," she said. "It's different than buying a kit or following step-by-step instructions. It's more fun; I get to expand my ideas."

"Like, in most craft stores everything is very country, with calicoes and wood-painted faces. And I hate country. I can't stand anything about it. So I can take the idea and change it to give it my own style."

### WORST GIFTS

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can erase the disk the program came on and have an extra floppy disk.

**Fruitcake:** Really hate someone? Fruitcake is the way to go. Any type of food that must be hidden in a metallic canister can't be very good. Be warned: Due to its long shelf life, the fruitcake gift can boomerang back into your life the next Christmas.

**Generic cologne:** Contrary to what the commercials will have you believe, colognes like Old Spice and Stetson are not prized gifts. They are despised space devourers in medicine cabinets around the globe. For a few bucks you can supply your enemies with enough cologne to suffocate the world.

**Books you couldn't sell back:** You're not going to read them again, you can't sell them back and they're just taking up valuable space in your crowded room. Unload old books on your despised ones (just make sure you haven't highlighted or underlined anything).

— Todd Panglilan

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or a pumice stone, \$7. Include gift suggestions with the soaps and candles and your recipient can devote a day to relaxation.

**Picture frames:** One thing every room needs is a picture frame. Whether it's a snap shot, a random photo or an artsy picture, everyone needs a frame to show off their personalities. Prices vary depending on the size and material (including those trendy, wood-block frames), but most can be found for less than \$20 at Thingsville, Younkers and Photoworld, all located in Old Capital Mall.

**Zippo lighters:** Don't mess around with the disposable child-proof stuff. Get the classic Zippo for friends who smoke or just like to play with fire. A basic model can be obtained for around \$10 at discount stores like Wal-Mart, 101 Highway 1 West. Some stores will even engrave them for free.

**Truck-stop memorabilia:** Go to a local truck stop, look around

and pick up some authentic trucker gear. Pick out some fuzzy dice or some tree-shaped air freshener. Don't forget the silver-silhouette mud flap. Fun, simple and cheap, this cheesy gift can function as a car ornament or room decor.

**Swiss army knife key chain:** For less than \$10, this practical gift has everything from tweezers to a nail file. It fits easily on any key chain, and is guaranteed to get used. This present comes in a variety of colors, so it can either be masculine or feminine.

**Hats:** Everybody loves hats, and everybody could use one more. Whether you're picking up a baseball cap or a warm stocking cap, you're bound to find a suitable gift for everyone on your list.

**Phone card:** Miss your best friend from high school who's on the other side of the planet? Get a prepaid phone card and send it with your number attached to the back to keep the lines of communication open. Slip them into cards you are sending to far-away

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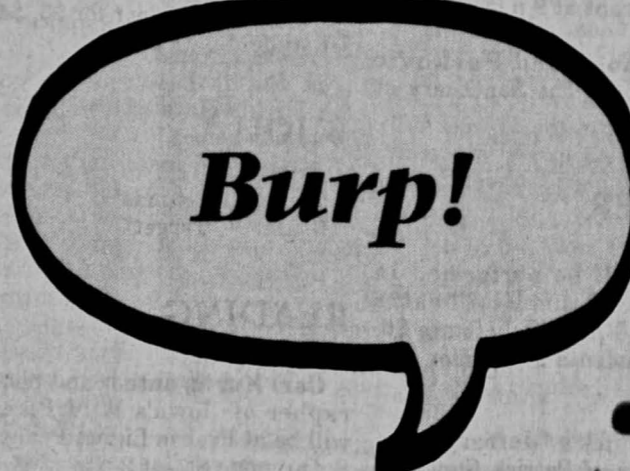
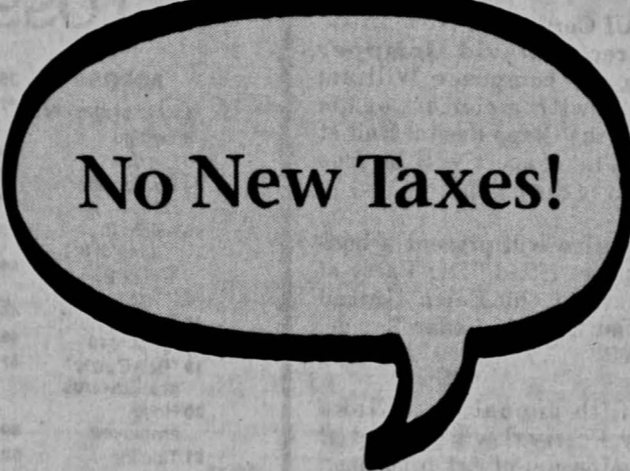
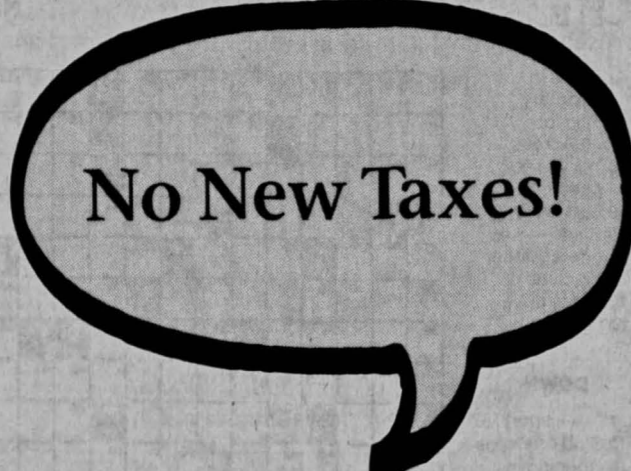
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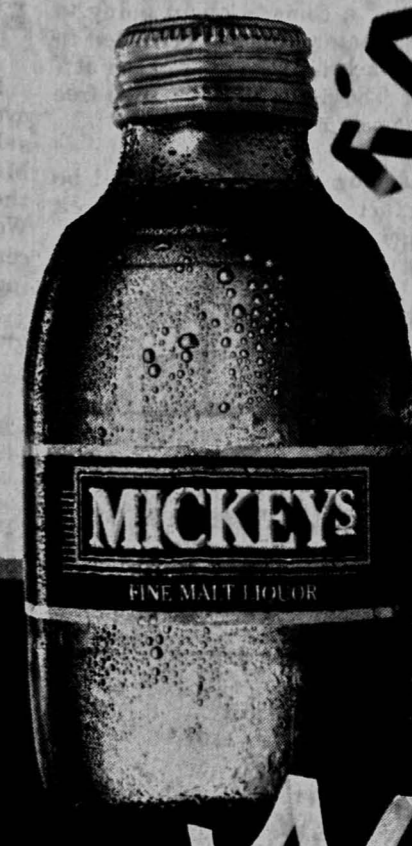
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Getting felt-up at a concert by a stranger isn't that unusual. But what if that stranger is a hairy, 350-pound security guy? Maximum security isn't an uncommon sight at most concerts these days.

**GUEST EXPERTS: Beavis and Butt-Head**



Alienated, obtuse, brooding, inarticulate — these are just a few of the adjectives that leap to mind when contemplating our December Guest Experts, Beavis and his longtime socialist companion Butt-head. The iconoclastic duo have been deconstructing bourgeois sensibilities every week on the avant-garde MTV. Following in the tradition of *Un Chien Andalou*, this month the auteurs offer un-expurgated discourse on our postmodern condition in *Beavis and Butt-Head Do America*.

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**Campus Shots**



An ad for Tide? Nope, just boys being boys at James Madison U.

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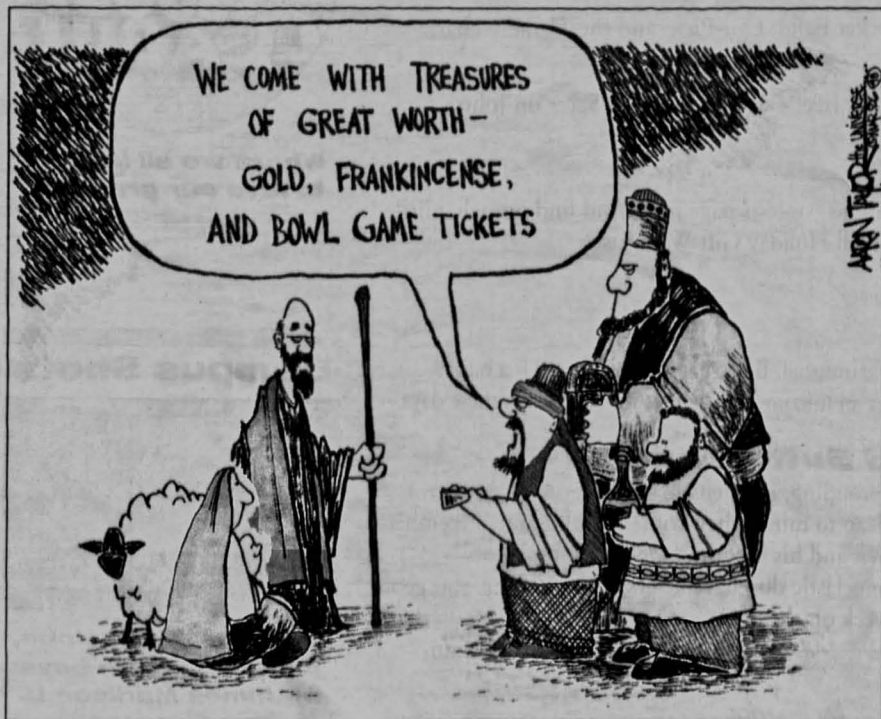
## Miles From Home

Your music reviewers are morons. Fire 'em. In October's "Our Picks," it's written, "An audiophile's dream come true, this six-CD set rocks a jazz-lover's world with Davis' smooth sax solos and...." It would be news to me and to him if Miles Davis played the saxophone.

Paul Brown, graduate student,  
 U. of California, Berkeley

Thanks to Paul and the bazillion other jazz lovers out there who blew the horn on our faux pas. Davis played the trumpet. It was a big mistake that should have been caught, and those responsible will be severely tortured in ways too gruesome to be described. —ed

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## Kudos

I think your magazine is great. It's always nice to get it with the school paper and read about interesting things going on at other campuses. The October issue had some very interesting, funny tidbits. I enjoyed at least seven of those Quickies, among the other info in the magazine, like the Buzz and Bits and Bytes and so on. Very cool stuff!

Angie F., junior,  
 U. of Kentucky

## Politics as Usual

The cover story "Most Likely to Succeed: The Clinton and Dole College Years" [Oct. 1996] was unbelievably slanted towards the liberals. The

article attracted my attention because I wanted to know the facts behind their college years, not an editorial biased toward Democrats. The two "pull quotes" and the Hillary/Elizabeth comparisons are prime examples of the obvious slant in political view. If someone is out to slam Republicans, do it in an editorial, not a cover story.

Chris Wu, junior, U. of Texas, Austin

You forgot one important detail in Bill Clinton's "The Boring Stuff" box. He helped pass the largest tax increase in U.S. history in 1993. I think this fact should have been noted for a fair portrayal of him. Remember that he can propose anything he wants to get elected. It doesn't mean he'll do it.

Sarah Longenecker, freshman,  
 Bradley U., Ill.

## Teed Off About TAs

Your article "The Trouble with TAs" [Oct. 1996] had a very good point. College students are being taught by people with no training to teach. However, it does not apply just to TAs. What makes you think that faculty members have been trained to teach? It's likely that your second-grade teacher had more education training than your last biochemistry professor.

M. W. Murray, doctoral student,  
 New Mexico State U.

As a fifth-semester junior, I have had many TAs who were just as good as the professors. In fact, the TA for one of my theory classes is a bit more open-minded than the professor for my other theory class. The TA allows us to voice our opinions, and he gives us feedback.

Darcia Scates, junior, Penn State U.

Mixed grades for your story "The Trouble With TAs." I think your article should be commended for helping to publicize the fact that grad students are generally not given very much (if any) training. But the sad truth is that "substandard" teaching takes place just as often, if not more often, with professors at the head of the class as with TAs. Instead of talking about "underqualified" TAs, we should be talking about undertrained TAs and start rewarding excellence in teaching — both monetarily and with respect — as much as in research. Then college students would get the high-quality teaching they deserve (and pay an arm and a leg for).

Harel Barzilai, graduate student,  
 Cornell U.

## Missing Melvin

I appreciated the somewhat simplified overview of black action films ["Nothin' but an O.G. Thang," Sept. 1996]. However, I have a problem with the complete exclusion of the work of Melvin Van Peebles, the man who practically invented the genre. As for the top 10 "Black List," whose idea was it to include "Slaughter," "Cleopatra Jones" and "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka"? You've got to be kidding me! Any list of essential blaxploitation films that doesn't include "Dolemite," "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song," "The Mack" or "Superfly" automatically declares itself invalid. Do your research next time.

"Lightning" Bob Flassy, senior,  
 Southern Illinois U., Carbondale

## Are U For Real?

The article on Bill Clinton and Bob Dole in the October U. was interesting, well-balanced and thorough. I tip my hat to U, Frances Huffman and the rest of the U. staff. As the editorial director of a magazine named U, U are the only publisher to whom I can imagine making this initial proposal: since "U" is now an optional, alternative spelling for "you" in the Random House dictionaries, since "U" is a hip spelling, and since "U" is in keeping with U., consider spelling it that way in future issues. Yes, it's something of a crazy suggestion, but if U mull it over, U'll see that it's not that crazy after all. The spelling of contractions (U're, U'll, U've, U'd) is a simple matter and is being done in various other quarters. Otherwise, I can't think of any logistical obstacles. Thank U.

Joe Little, managing director,  
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## Serving Justice

The story "Justice For All?" [Nov. 1996] stated, "...judicial boards aren't required to provide students with the rights afforded by due process...." While private colleges and universities aren't required to provide due process rights covered by the Constitution, public schools are required to provide minimal due process rights, not including the right to counsel.

## Friends Indeed

When I fell upon free tickets to a taping of *Friends*, I decided to put my credit about that show on the shelf and check it out.

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During breaks in the action, the studio audience salivated like greedy swine over the chance to win *Friends* paraphernalia like Frisbees and mirrored compact. Two girls in front of us used hand signals to convey their phone numbers to Matthew Perry. Need I go on?

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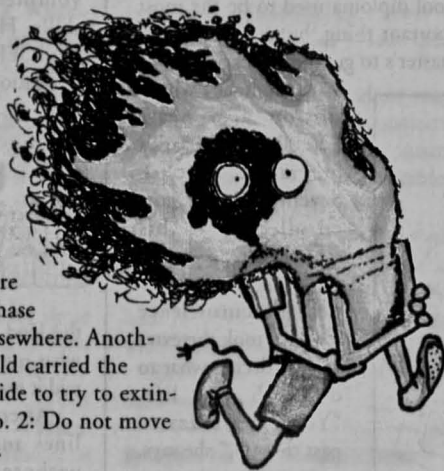
# QUICKIES

ILLUSTRATIONS BY CHAD STRAWDERMAN, U. OF ARIZONA

## BURN-OUTS

U. of West Florida

College is supposed to be a place where you use your brain, right? Somebody oughtta tell that to the student at West Florida who accidentally torched a cafeteria microwave by heating food wrapped in aluminum foil. Lesson No. 1: Aluminum foil in microwave = no-no. Campus police responded to the fire alarm but had to chase down the flames elsewhere. Another student brainchild carried the micro-inferno outside to try to extinguish it. Lesson No. 2: Do not move flaming appliances.



Would you like hot or mild sauce with those credits?

## ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Colorado State U.

Student body president Joe Urban gets our "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" award. This guy's a martyr. First, he was kidnapped, gagged and handcuffed

by a group of students in pantyhose masks. He was held hostage until he agreed to ask administrators to allow concerts on the Student Center plaza. Two weeks later, Urban's head was shaved by rival U. of Colorado, Boulder's student president after CSU's football team lost to CU. Urban now sports a mohawk. Of course, we can't tell if Urban is crusading for truth, justice and the American way, or if he's just an incredible ham. Either way, he's got our vote.

## KARATE CHOPIN

U. of New Mexico

He was kung fu fighting, but not fast as lightning. A UNM student was accosted in a men's restroom by a man claiming to know martial arts. The robber, who was carrying a concealed weapon, demanded the student's money, but was miffed to find out his victim had only \$1.50. After such a letdown, the karate kid turned in his white belt, hoping for a more lucrative future in piano playing. The Beethoven bandit headed for a piano practice room in the building, where he tickled the ivory until his arrest.



Fuzzy Muppet Creatures 101, are eligible for Long's class, which is sponsored by the number "12" and the letter "W."

## FOOD FLIGHT

U. of West Florida

Don't get mad — throw condiments? A West Florida student was a tad peeved to find that her room had been burglarized, so she decided to vent her anger. Campus police apprehended her after students in the courtyard below her window noticed it was raining condiments. The burglary victim was seen chucking bottles and sugar packets from her window. Looney as her actions may be, the woman is consistent. Dorm residents saw her pouring syrup on the stairs earlier in the day, and her previous violent outbursts included breaking a coffeepot over her body.

## SMALL-TIME BACKPACK BANDIT

U. of Georgia

A thief is leaving a northbound trail across the U. of Georgia's campus. He steals unattended backpacks, then leaves them in place of the next ones he nabs, carving a traceable path from south campus to north campus buildings. The thief leaves the backpacks with all valuables — except cash — inside. But he might want to revise his not-so-lucrative stealing strategy. He robbed one TA of her change purse, which contained a whopping 75 cents, and left her expensive camera untouched.

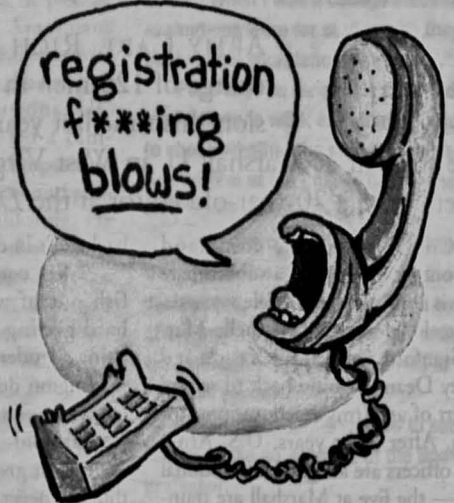
## THE DUH FACTOR

The U.S. General Accounting Office reports that tuition at four-year public colleges and universities increased 234 percent between the 1980-81 and 1994-95 school years. That's three times more than the measly 82 percent increase in the median household income. Its conclusion about the increase? "Many students and their families have borrowed more to finance the cost of college." Duh. And it took researchers to figure that one out?

## SUNNY DAYS AT SCRANTON

U. of Scranton, Pa.

Kermit's commencement address at Long Island U. must have started a trend. Another *Sesame Street* veteran is serving as a visiting professor at Scranton. Loretta M. Long, who played Susan (Gordon's wife) on *Sesame Street*, is teaching an undergrad course on multicultural education. She teaches the course using old tapes of the show. Students reportedly sit cross-legged on the classroom floor, eat PB&J with the crusts cut off and guess which person is doing their own thing. Only students who take the prerequisite course,



IF YOU'RE PISSED, PRESS ONE  
Florida State U.

A student at Florida truly reached out and touched someone. Frustrated by the phone registration process, the clever student hacked into the registrar's voice mail and changed the message. Subsequent students who called to register for classes heard this message on the other end: "If you're calling with questions about registration, then you probably already know that registration f—king blows. My advice to you would be to transfer to another school."



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## Fifth-Year Freebie

ASK COLLEGE FRESHMEN EMBARKING ON FOUR years of higher education if they'd like to take five and you'll get a resounding "No!" It's not surprising, considering the cost of tuition, books, room and board.

But some motivated students are saying "Yes!" to five years. If students earn their undergrad degrees in four years at Clark U., Mass., or Lehigh U., Pa., they can get their master's in a fifth — and the universities will pick up the tab.

Too good to be true? There's a catch. Students need a 3.25 overall GPA to be eligible for Clark's program and a 3.5 for Lehigh's. Still, "fifth year for free" programs get students a master's degree for the price of a bachelor's — in less time, since graduate degrees are completed in one year instead of two.

"We believe the incentive of a tuition-free fifth year will motivate



What a bargain...

students to earn the necessary grades," says Timothy Boulay, media relations officer at Clark.

Fifth-year Clark student Laura Oriente, who's earning an MBA, says it's worth it for the savings. "I would never have pursued a master's if it hadn't been for this program."

According to Boulay, students save \$23,000 in tuition, room and board for the sixth year they won't need, and \$19,600 in waived tuition for the fifth year. Eighteen students took the university's offer this year.

The value exceeds mere tuition dollars, says Jody Bernstein, a master's candidate at Clark. "A high school diploma used to be the most important thing, but now you need a master's to get most jobs."

Lehigh U., whose tuition also nears \$20,000, used Clark's program as a model. Seventy-one students enrolled in it this school year.

Julie Farrah, a Lehigh neuroscience student, took the extra year to decide what to do with her life. "You'd be crazy to pass that up," she says.

By Michele Besso, U. of Delaware/Illustration by J. Thurston, Auburn U., Ala.

## Reporting For Class, Sir!

U.S. ARMY CAPT. RICH STEELE WAS IN charge of 125 men in an airborne division this time last year. Now, as a graduate student at Marshall U. in West Virginia, Steele takes orders from a 20-year-old editor at the *Daily Parthenon*.

"Coming out of a command environment, being on a subordinate level, is a big change," Steele says.

Steele, along with Michelle Martin, Stanford Angion, Kit Kassela and Jeffrey Dean, is going back to school as part of an Army re-education program. After eight years, U.S. Army duty officers are assigned a functional area — the five at Marshall are training to be public affairs officers — and receive graduate training at universities across the country.

Martin says the return to academia was a big adjustment. It's been eight years since she graduated from Youngstown State U., Ohio, with a

bachelor's in communications.

"I feel considerably older, like a fish out of water," she says. "It's hard getting back in the niche of being a student."

Angion doesn't feel out of place, but he says school is different this time around.

"It's a great opportunity to do things I never got to do as an undergrad," he says. "The big difference now is that this is my job, and I know I'll be back in the Army soon."

Journalism professor Richard Turner, who has had all five captains as students, says their Army background helps everyone involved.

"They are some of the very best students. They upgrade the level of the class, promote good discussion and come prepared."

Steele says before he came to Marshall, he was one of the media's biggest critics.

"I was always complaining about the spin the media puts on issues like politics. School has really helped us understand First Amendment rights and the role they play in democracy. It gave me a new perspective — the media is not the enemy, but part of the big picture of society."

By Rob Hart, U. of Southern California/Photo by Rick Haye, Marshall U., W.Va.



A few good students...

## For Kids' Sake

EVER WONDER HOW YOU BREAK INTO SHOW biz? Just pick up the phone and call. At least that's how it happened for California State U., Los Angeles, senior Maria "Cida" Goncalves, who scored a deal to organize and direct a public service announcement for UNICEF.

The road to stardom started as an assignment for a broadcasting class. Goncalves called various nonprofit organizations to volunteer her cinematography skills. Her third call led her to UNICEF, a division of the United Nations that helps children all over the world.



"I can't believe I did it," Goncalves says. "Most students would never have a chance to do this kind of work. It was far beyond what my professors expected. One said it was like graduate level work."

After a flurry of letters, outlines and "begging calls," she gathered enough volunteers and equipment to impress UNICEF officials in New York and Los Angeles.

"Her work is very good. She was very well-qualified," says Dominique Ransay, a UNICEF development officer who gets several offers a day for volunteer projects of this magnitude.

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By Darren Gabriel Brown, California State U., Los Angeles/Photo by Wayne Baldasso, CSULA



Girl on film.

## The Buzz

• The USA Group Loan Service, one of the largest student-loan administrators, released a study that shows that the typical student loan borrower now accumulates more than \$10,000 in education debt. In 1996, the average Stafford loan balance was \$10,146 for undergraduate students. That average is 15 percent higher than the 1995 balance of \$8,858.

• Kent Ahrens, the trader responsible for losing \$136.7 million in college investments for the Common Fund, agreed to plead guilty to one criminal charge of wire fraud and other civil charges. Ahrens also agreed never to work as a trader again and will pay \$182,000 in restitution.

• College isn't just for 20-somethings anymore. A new study reports that the number of college students who are 40 or older doubled from 1970 to 1993. In 1970, students 40 and older made up 5.5 percent of enrollment. By 1993, that number had jumped to 11.2 percent, or 1.6 million 40-and-older students.

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Beer Bike — Rice U., Texas — Every year teams of students compete in a bike race after chugging as much beer as possible. If that weren't enough, on the 13th of every

month, students run naked through campus wearing only shaving cream for the Baker 13.

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"They represent a very coarse means of feedback ... but they do give a very direct and unfiltered view of student reactions," says astronomy professor Craig Wheeler, who once found "Wheeler is God" written on the tables.

Covered with butcher paper and divided into education subjects, the tables serve as an anonymous forum for those wishing to write uncensored editorial about their classes. But believe it or not, some professors are less

than enthusiastic. Roderick Hart, a professor of communication, says he has several reasons for not reading the tables.

"One, I see these messages as privileged communication among students. Two, I don't have much respect for anonymous commentary. And three, I'm told the Slam Tables are horrifically negative," he says. "For what it's worth, my colleagues who regularly read the Slam Tables are the most insecure people I know."

Communications junior Alan Densmore liked the tables so much, he launched an online version for a class project.

"This university is huge," Densmore says. "Maintaining a sense of community is essential to our spirit and our success."

Although he says student reaction has been uniformly positive, some professors who were trounced online didn't appreciate the tables' advancement into cyberspace.

"One said the page was a vehicle for defamation. Another said the information on the page was equivalent to writing on the bathroom wall," Densmore says.

Let's hope professors don't make their own Slam Tables.

**By James Hibberd, Assistant Editor / Photo by Kobbi Risser, U. of Texas, Arlington**

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Hirsch says that in crisis situations, it's sometimes easier for the student ambulance squad to get information out of the victims, especially in cases involving alcohol. "I think it puts them at ease that we're students, too," she says.

The EMT group at Penn State U. responds to almost 600 emergency calls dispatched by campus police and the county 911 system each year.

Senior Matt Funderburk, who is applying to med school, says his experience with the campus EMT helps keep his skills sharp.

"The majority are alcohol- or drug-related calls, but we do see a lot of orthopedic injuries with sports," Funderburk says.



This week, saving lives — next week, the Tour de France!

Although George Washington's EMERG program isn't nearly as extensive as other universities' medical teams, students like sophomore Melissa Jaffe feel safer knowing the bike team is on call.

"It's great to know that the city's traffic won't halt emergency treatment anymore," she says.

**By Jamie Harris, George Washington U./Photo by Dave Fintzen, George Washington U.**

## Two for One

WHEN GRADUATION rolls around, students fret that they won't have enough tickets for all of their family and friends. But the U. of California, Davis, has a remedy and a celebration of ethnic diversity — all in one.

African-American, Chicano/Latino, Filipino and Native American students hold gatherings at some California schools to celebrate both heritage and graduation. The receptions don't replace traditional commencement — but they're open, so entire families can go.

"I feel it's significant because there are so few African-American students [at Davis]," says Leah Hoggins, a '96 Davis grad who helped organize the African-American celebration.

Although African-American students make up only 3.7 percent of the Davis student body, John Ortiz-Hudson, retention coordinator at Davis, says 90 percent of its African-American students attend the ceremony. Activities range from guest speakers and entertainers to a gift exchange.

The Native American graduate ceremony at Davis lets students know they are moving from one phase of life to another, says Steven Crum, associate professor of Native American Studies. "Rites of passage are something Native Americans have carried out for generations."

Some people dispute the value of ethnic-specific celebrations. UC regent Ward Connerly led a campaign that helped to pass Proposition 209, which eliminated race- and gender-based policies in California. He questions the \$11,300 that Davis allocated for the ceremonies last year.

Connerly told *The California Aggie*, "If we are in favor of an integrated society, how can we justify segregated events?"

Even if the UC system yanks funding for ethnic celebrations, participants say that they'll continue.

"The celebrations probably just won't be as elaborate," says Joaquin Galcan, staff adviser for the Davis Chicano/Latino celebration.

**By Melissa Grego, Assistant Editor and Sean Scott, U. of California, Davis**



## Tooting His Own Horn

On his student evaluations, Ohio U. finance professor Dwight Pugh garnered such praise as "Deserves to be a UP (university professor)-4-life" and "The greatest! Even better than I'd heard."

But Pugh's students didn't write the lavish acclaims. He did.

Pugh has admitted to falsifying his student evaluations, which leaves administrators in a delicate position. Students caught cheating on exams at Ohio U. are given an automatic "F" for academic misconduct. But what about professors cheating on their exams?

"I felt kind of embarrassed, considering this is a professor in my college," says senior Carrie Rundio. "And I was shocked, because a lot of people in my business fraternity talked highly of him."

Particularly mysterious is why Pugh would have falsified evaluations at all. Evaluations are used to decide faculty pay raises and tenure, but Pugh has been named university professor five times and runs a variety of businesses outside of his teaching job.

"The evaluation process has been corrupted by a need for the administration to have controls on faculty," says associate journalism professor Joe Bernt. "When I was a college student, evaluations were for students so they could know what teachers to avoid."

Pugh says he meant his doctored evaluations to work as a control group to check whether the student evaluation system of the College of Business was working properly.

Since Pugh didn't violate any university policies when he falsified the evaluations, which ranked him as one of the best-rated professors in the College of Business, he will continue to teach at the university.

Senior Keith Johns wanted to see Ohio U. make an example of the finance professor.

"It's ridiculous," he says. "If we cheated, it would be a big deal. He cheats, and he hasn't broken any rules."

**By Jessica Wehrman, Ohio U.**

**Jumping Jack Fest — Northern Arizona U.** — Students compete in traditional lumberjack activities like log rolling, ax throwing, pie eating, root beer chugging and human Chinese checkers.

**Slope Day — Cornell U.** — On the last day of class in the spring, about 5,000 students skip school and congre-

gate on a huge slope in the middle of campus to celebrate in the usual student fashion.

**Spree Day — Clark U., Mass.** — On an unannounced spring morning, fire alarms go off in every dorm at 8 a.m. to start the festivities. Classes are canceled, and the entire campus spends the day partying.

**Boar's Head Dinner — U. of Rochester, N.Y.** — Medieval pageantry abounds at this traditional holiday dinner in December. The event is inspired by the ancient tale of a young philosophy student who warded off a dangerous wild boar by stuffing his book of knowledge down its throat.

# Byte me

## Alter-Net Ego

FINALLY, MICE AROUND THE WORLD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO roar. But these mice aren't of the white, fuzzy variety. They're students in chat rooms on the Internet. Three senior psychology students at Haverford College, Pa., are studying students on the Internet and finding that they're more bold and aggressive than in real life.

Cara Kupperman, Julie Wolf and Michele Munoz are working on a research project addressing the social implications of the Internet, and they say there's a big discrepancy between personalities on screen and off.

"In general, an IRCer [Internet user] seems to take on an exaggerated persona to become the person that he/she wouldn't otherwise be for fear of rejection," Kupperman says.

Kupperman describes people she has met in what she calls "RL," or real life, as less flirtatious than they are online, as well as less bold.

"One of the aspects [of the Internet] that we found most fascinating was the amount of anonymity and the ability to re-create oneself by choosing an alternate mode of self-expression," Munoz says.

The students have found themselves at the forefront of Internet study. "We've found nothing in terms of past research on Internet use, but there's tons of research going on now, so there will be a big boom in research in a year or so," Wolf says.

Doug Davis, adviser for the project and professor of psychology, says the students are studying the personality differences among IRCers as a way to figure out what the Internet does for and to them.

The trio's hypothesis is that a certain type of person is drawn to spend a

lot of time on the Internet. Although they're still in the early stages of the project and won't know the outcome of their study until the spring, Wolf says they have two theories about the personality type of the frequent IRCer: It could either be an introvert who doesn't like face-to-face interaction, or someone who seeks constant interaction and uses the Internet when there's no one to interact with.

Just think how Cyrano de Bergerac could have worked a chat room.

By Sherri Eisenberg, James Madison U., Va. / Illustration by Jeff Nelson, Moorhead State U., Minn.



## World Wide Wake

FIRST THERE WERE DRIVE-THRU FUNERALS. THEN TALKING HEAD stones. What's next: Funerals on the Internet? Absolutely! The latest craze to hit the bereavement business is an online service that allows mourners to pay their respects via their personal computers.

"Some people may be hesitant to the idea at first, but this isn't something I intended to insult people's traditions," says Jack Martin, president of Simplex Knowledge Co. and cyberfuneral developer.

Here's how it works: A digital camera hooked up to a PC sends live pics of the funeral service

online viewers. Cybermourners can view the images, "chat" with other mourners and even click on icons to send flowers, shiva baskets and sympathy cards.

Ed Cosgrove, owner of Cosgrove and Sons Funeral Home in New Jersey, says he plans to offer the cyberfuneral service.

"This isn't just another fad, like the drive-up funerals, because it's done with taste,"

he says. "What if someone lives in Australia and someone they know dies in the U.S., but he can't afford to come here? This gives people contact with friends and family during a very sad time."

Patricia Dixon, funeral director for Abbey Funeral Home in Tallahassee, Fla., says she has mixed emotions about the cyberfuneral.

"On one side, I can see the excitement," Dixon says. "But for many people, funerals have very firm traditions, and trying to broadcast something like that on the Internet might violate their sense of dignity."

Buying the whole cyberfuneral setup costs \$6,500, but it can be rented for \$295 per day.

Computer science major Craig Paxton, a sophomore at the U. of Miami, predicts that cyberfuneral profits will go through the roof.

"If people will go for cybersex, how could they turn down a cyberfuneral?" he says.

By Adam Miller, Florida State U. / Illustration by Seth Thompson, James Madison U., Va.



### Sites for Sore Eyes

1. **Pee-Wee Worship Page**  
<http://www.seanet.com/Users/wazel/playhse.html>  
Today's secret word is funky Web site. AAAAHHHHH!

2. **Center for Online Addiction**  
<http://www.pitt.edu/~ksy/>  
Online help for those addicted to the 'net. Isn't life ironic?

3. **The Court of Last Resort**  
<http://www.sandbox.net>  
Judge real small-claims cases without that annoying Doug Llewellynn.

4. **Mr. Cranky Rates the Movies**  
<http://internet-plaza.net/zone/mrcranky/>  
No movie escapes the wrath of this student cynic.

5. **Seussville**  
<http://www.randomhouse.com/seussville>  
Cool! Hip! Better than Cat in the Hat nip!

## Bits & Bytes

• Don't get mad; get into their Web site. Defendants in a Swedish hacker case broke into the CIA's Web site and renamed it the Central Stupidity Agency. The hackers also linked the page to a variety of sex, music and Scandinavian hacker sites. The modified page was left posted for a full 12 hours. This may be the new cyberfad. A few weeks prior to the CIA scenario, anonymous hackers altered the U.S. Department of Justice home page to read U.S. Department of Injustice.

• California governor Pete Wilson announced that the state will not join 10 other western states in creating a regional online college. Instead, California will start its own virtual university. According to a spokesperson, the tentatively named Western Governors University will continue to develop plans for the online school.

• Lights, camera, Jennifer Aniston... Steven Spielberg... Quentin Tarantino. These and other famous Hollywood names are on Steven Spielberg's *Director's Chair*, a new CD-ROM from Knowledge Adventure that lets players create their own blockbusters. This close encounter of the cyber kind allows you to do everything from honing the script to choosing special effects.

• The abacus. Then the slide rule. Then the adding machine, the pocket calculator ... and now: The Integrator! At Wolfram Research's new Web site (<http://www.integrals.com>), a computer program called Mathematica will crunch any calculus problem you have and spit out the solution. Next up: The Bard! For translating those pesky Shakespeare verses.

• Network Event Theater is rolling out the red carpet at more than 33 U.S. campuses. It wires on-campus theaters with satellite dishes and digital-sound systems for free and beams in the laser-disk quality premieres at no cost to students. The company also offers screenings of pay-TV events.

**Kissing the Boar's Head** — Oglethorpe U., Ga. — Based on the same tradition, every December inductees of an honor fraternity ceremoniously smooch a real boar's head.

**Tortilla Tossing** — Texas Tech U. — Until recently, football fans spun tortillas on their fingers and

flung them onto the field during home games. Southwest Conference officials curtailed the tradition this season by penalizing the team 15 yards every time a tortilla landed on the playing field.

**Moo Poo Bingo** — Embury-Riddle Aeronautical U., Fla. — Students "buy" square

plots on a field where a cow roams and grazes. People watch and wait with bated breath for the cow to do her thing. The owner of the first pooped-on square wins.

**Hot Dog Day** — Alfred U., N.Y. — Students who wish they were an Oscar Mayer wiener gather for this week-end street carnival in the spring.

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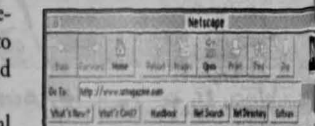
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## Staying Power

**A** FEW MONTHS AGO, Anne Upturch wanted nothing more than to go to college.

The 18-year-old freshman entering the U. of Nebraska, Lincoln, dreamed of an escape from the chains of living at home, along with a wealth of new social and educational experiences.

### CLASS

But that was a few months ago. Now Upturch wants to go home.

"It's what I expected, but I guess it's just not enough to make me want to stay," Upturch said in late September, only five weeks into what she had expected to be a four-year college career. "I'm ready to go home."

Upturch's attitude may seem strange to the millions of students at schools nationwide, but to university administrators, she's all too common. According to a report published in July by American College Testing, about one-fourth of all college freshmen do not return for their sophomore year.

The reasons for dropping out are many: money, grades, homesickness

or a combination of any of the above. But the result is always the same — students don't come back.

"You look at the numbers, and the numbers say we have a problem," says James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at the U. of Nebraska, Lincoln. "It's up to us to fix that problem."

And that's exactly what universities are trying to do.

At Nebraska, a three-credit class called University Foundation lays down the basics for success in college — time management, study skills and student involvement are just a few. In addition, Freshman Learning Communities puts students in small groups who live on the same dorm floor, take the same classes and get together for study sessions.

West Virginia U.'s Operation Jumpstart takes freshman retention a step further by recruiting professors to live in residence halls and serve as mentors.

Richard Schreiber, a professor of journalism at West Virginia, and his wife are two of those mentors.

"The whole objective of the program is to let freshmen know from the beginning that the faculty is here for them," Schreiber says. "It makes the idea of being one out of thousands of students a little less overwhelming."

Although no program will guarantee that freshmen will stay on for another year, Griesen says universities shouldn't give up on the students.

"If it's set in their minds that they want to leave, then they'll leave," he says. "But we'd at least like to have them think about it a little harder before they do and give them a few more reasons to stay."

By Jeff Randall, U. of Nebraska, Lincoln



## Give Me a Break

**S**TRESSED-OUT college students eagerly wait for winter break to bring joy to their worlds. But for some, after living in a parentless, curfewless and ruleless environment for several months, returning home for the holidays can induce a different kind of trauma — and an insatiable appetite for Grandpa's potent eggnog.

### HOME

"As much as I love going home and spending time with my family, I think they sometimes forget that I'm used to doing what I want, when I want," Brandeis U. junior Aura Twersky says.

Twersky, who's been through the transition from college to home front several times, complains that whenever she returns, the same argument ensues.

"When I drive somewhere alone at night, my parents give me a curfew of 11:30 or 12," she says. "I know they're just worried about my safety, but at school that's what time we leave to go out. At school, I

don't have a mommy and daddy to be overprotective of me."

Students may also be ill at ease about going home if they face problems there. Robert Berlin, director of the Brandeis Psychological Counseling Center, says families have to figure out the best method of dealing with each situation.

"Apprehensions can come from real issues," Berlin says. "Students need to know the limits of what they can tolerate and lay those limits down."

Berlin suggests that students be clear with their parents and that parents in turn "show some restraint" when interacting with their returning tenants. "They need to respect the boundaries of separation and privacy," he says.

Returning home makes some students' spirits bright — those whose parents have adjusted to the change in lifestyle and whose watchful eye has grown lazy.

"I love break," says U. of Michigan junior Jon Von Samek. "I can do whatever I want to at home. And there's more time to have fun, see my friends and party."

That is, after he unloads the dishwasher, visits Grandma, cleans out his closet, helps his dad get the decorations from the attic, rides bikes with his baby sister, sets the table for dinner, makes his bed and... oh yeah... decks the halls.

By Miriam Heller, Brandeis U., Mass./  
Illustration by Jennifer Dresser, Hofstra U., N.Y.



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Spending the holidays with the family is cheers. We've always had a good time. **DJ Menuet, junior, Louisiana State U.** • Holidays with the family are definitely cheers. Always have been, and hopefully always will be. **Matt Honnold, senior, Eastern Illinois U.** • Holidays with the family are definitely cheers. As college students, we don't get to spend a lot of time with our families because of work and homework and studying. It's nice to be able to kick back and spend time with my parents and my siblings and just have a great time. **Delana Orr, sophomore, Eastern Michigan U.** • Definitely cheers. I believe that the holidays are an important time for the family. There aren't too many times that the family can actually get together and be a unit. There are so many people ignoring each other and not paying attention to family values. So yes, I think it's absolutely important. **Amy Edgar, senior, Florida International U.** • I hate to say tears about going home to be with my family, but at my school we have a full month off for Christmas break, which can be a little too long if you ask me. **Jeremy Campbell, junior, Auburn U., Ala.**

## Scholarship Scam

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"Generally, this area of scams has been growing. We know that many consumer complaints that have been logged with the Fraud Information Center and with scholarship-related Web sites," says Heather Hipsley, Project Coordinator of the FTC's Project Scholarship Scam — a program designed to stop current hoaxes and educate potential victims.

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**48-Hour Dance Marathon — Penn State U.** — For the past 25 years, nearly 600 students rock around the clock for two days to raise over \$1 million to fight cancer.

**Pig Roast — U. of Notre Dame — Shhhh.** It's not sponsored by the school, but thousands of students know that the swim team usually plans this grand pig roast to party and celebrate spring.

**Potato Bowl/French Fry Feed — U. of North Dakota** — More than 2,300 pounds of spuds are served up at this weeklong festival and football game.

**Little 500 — Indiana U.** — Move over, Mario Andretti. Indiana students train all year for this annual bike race held in April.

**Nude Olympics — Princeton** — During the first snowfall of every year, 30 laps around campus in the buff.

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claims suit to get his money back.

Lynn Beller, a senior at U. South Florida, Tampa, sent \$10 to the Higher Education Scholarship Program and never received a response. Her father, Jeffrey Beller, fought back by sending a letter to his local postal inspector. The matter was eventually brought to the FTC's attention.

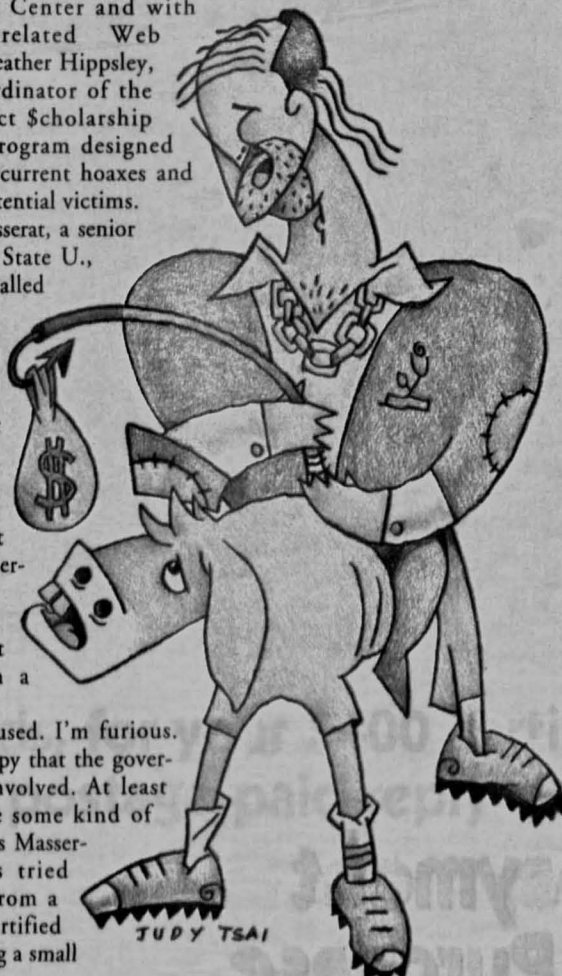
"For \$10, it was a gamble and I lost. I hope it's the worst thing in my life that I should lose. But I am satisfied that somebody out there is listening," Lynn Beller says.

Although the assets of the companies are now frozen while the trials proceed, it's not clear how much money the victims of scholarship scams will receive in restitution.

"Fraud artists usually spend the money as fast as they can," Hipsley says. "The victims will just have to wait it out."

For a free Web database of scholarship info, see <http://fastweb.com>.

By Elisabeth Morse, Stanford U. / Illustration by Judy Tsai, Harvard U.



# Big Returns On Crime Prevention

**B**ELLS CLANG, lights flash and armed security guards are summoned. No, you haven't won big at the Las Vegas slots. You pressed an emergency button in Texas A&M U.'s fortress-like parking garage, where crime-fighting technology is the name of the game.

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Because college crime rates have been rising in the past five years, schools have started betting on inven-

tive crime-prevention programs. "There are always traditional methods like arrest, but we are trying to stay steps above by being creative," says Vanderbilt U., Tenn., crime prevention officer Marlene Hall. "I see this trend across the country. This is a tough, lengthy and expensive solution, but it gives the community a lot of benefits." The A&M garages are equipped with emergency stations connected to 24-hour monitored booths. When a student hits an alarm, cameras roll, additional lights turn on and two-way communication with police begins. "Being proactive with prevention has stalled criminal activity," says A&M Lt. Bert Kretzschmar. "The amount of incidents has dropped dramatically." Oakland U., Mich., and Van-

derbilt also had bright prevention ideas. Oakland installed the "brightway" — paths lit up like night football games. Vanderbilt color coded walkways based on degrees of safety.

Vanderbilt is also developing personal alarm technology to connect students with campus cops via a key-chain transmitter. Victims will be able to push a button to alert police of the crime and send vital information, like name and a photograph, as well as the location of activation.

A U. of Tennessee fraternity helped students reach out and touch someone with discounted cellular phones. The phones could be used to contact police, and part of the proceeds from their sales went toward the Rape Aggression Defense program.

Other campuses are trying to increase awareness about individual risk.

• San Francisco State U., Calif., places posters across campus after an incident, outlining facts about the crime and asking for tips.

• The U. of Minnesota uses a fax network to alert campus offices, businesses and police departments statewide the minute a crime is reported.

• Marshall U., W. Va., sells bar codes to attach to property that might be stolen so the owner can be identified.

• U. of Oklahoma has a pilot program to "brand" automobile parts with identification numbers.

"The [branding] program has a western flavor, because in the Old West people branded horses and cattle," says Oklahoma public safety director Joe Lester. "Now we are branding cars."

Although testing new programs usually carries a high price tag, many campuses say the lower crime rate is worth it. It's certainly worth it for U. of Montana students to get involved in its new program. They get rewards for helping to solve a campus crime. Maybe Johnny Law is wrong: Sometimes crime does pay.

By Samantha Levine, College of William and Mary, Va. / Illustration by Masheka Wood, Syracuse U.

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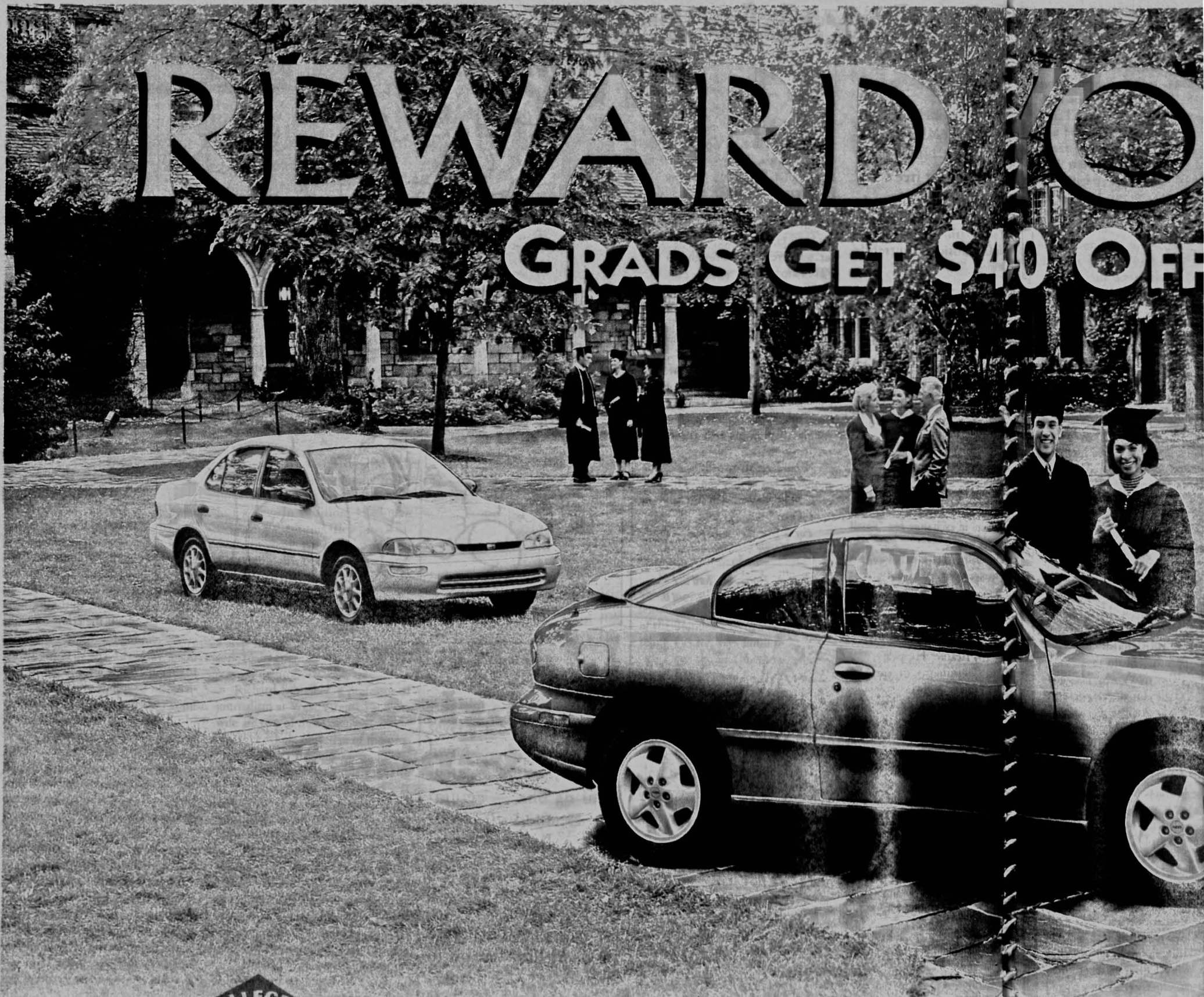
**Nude Olympics — Princeton U. — Brrrrr.**  
 During the first snowfall of every year, 300 to 400 sophomores run laps around campus in the buff.

**Happy Loopy Day — U. of Kansas —**  
 At 11:45 p.m. every Thursday night, students come out of their dorms and sing "Happy Loopy Day!" to wish their neighbors a good Friday morning. This relatively new tradition is usually followed by a water fight.

**Crawfish Day — Nicholls State U., La.**  
 — Students spend the day feasting on more than 900 pounds of Cajun-cooked crawdaddies. Sho' is good cookin', ah ga-run-tee!

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# Have Change, Will Travel

Roam if you want to on a student budget

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**T**O STARVING STUDENTS, TAKING AN EXOTIC VACATION or even a four-day road trip might seem about as likely as being offered a six-figure salary the day after graduation. > But the strapped-for-cash need not be doomed to *National Geographic* specials, savvy travelers say. > If you know where to find bargains, you can flex your Greek history minor at the Parthenon, revel in Indian art or sip frothy margaritas on the Gulf Coast — all on money made from hustling tables at Denny's.

## Catchin' air

One of the biggest travel expenses is getting to your destination — a cost that can be slashed by 70 percent or more if you fly as an air courier, says Steve Lantos, editor of *Travel Unlimited*.

Air couriers escort packages on commercial airlines for shipping companies like Federal Express and DHL when their fleets are unavailable to fly the goods. The companies will get you a seat for cheap in exchange for your baggage space. Most companies require travelers to buy a round-trip ticket and stay a specific number of days. And packing light for courier flights is a must — you're only allowed to take luggage that fits under your seat or in the overhead compartments.

Elisa Busto, a freshman at Palm Beach Community College, Fla., has flown as a courier seven times and saved thousands of dollars on air fare. Her round-trip flights to Singapore, London, Spain, Mexico and Peru ranged from \$50 to \$150.

"I look into being a courier every time I fly," she says. "It's not just that it's cheaper. Sometimes, if the airlines knows you're a courier, they treat you nicer."

One catch to courier traveling is that companions can't travel together, as shipping companies

usually reserve only one seat per trip. With planning, however, your companion can be a courier for another company shipping the same day, or reserve a flight for the next day.

Flying as a courier may sound like spy novel material, but Jennifer Basey, author of *The Air Courier's Handbook: Travel the World On a Shoestring*, says the business is legit.

"Everyone always jokes [that] it's drugs

[you're carrying]," Basey says. "Anybody interested in taking a courier has to be prepared to take that joke, but it is simply not true."

The goods are mostly boring stuff — like documents — and you aren't held responsible for delivering them or ensuring their safety. Your only obligation is to meet a company representative at the airport before the trip to pick up your ticket.

"The only time I was nervous was when I went

to Singapore and they announced that bringing drugs into the country is punishable by death," Busto says.

"But that's why it's good that you never come in contact with the package."

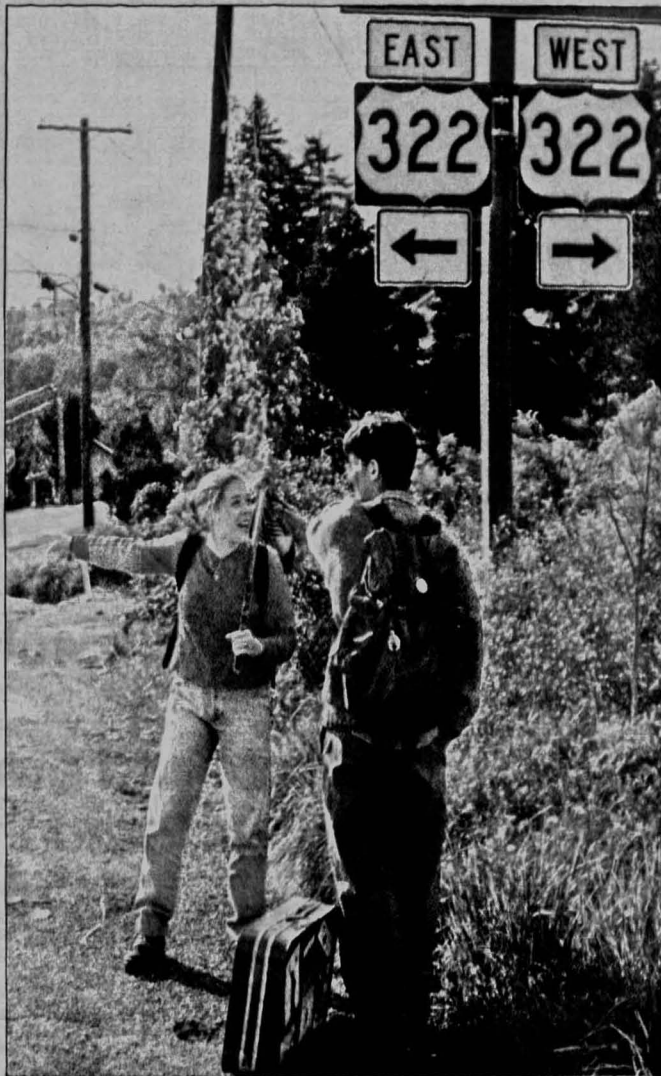
## Globetrotting

If you're a true globetrotter seeking adventure on a teeny fortune, you can visit Big Ben, the Sphinx and the Great Wall of China all for one airfare on an around-the-world ticket.

Much like a cruise trip, you specify a final destination and the number of stops you would like to make along the way. There's just one catch: You can only fly in one direction.

"I can go around the world from Los Angeles to Bangkok to New Delhi to Milan to London," Lantos says. "I've continued in the same westward direction. The fare costs about \$1,100."

For those who find planning the details of a trip about as thrilling as yard work, Airhitch with Whole Earth Travel is the way to go.



Hitchin' for a place to go.

Whole Earth buys up Europe on commercial air last minute. Travelers register tickets and dates to travel, and the company only sells seats if you have to make return flights you're traveling.

If you leave from an East Coast D.C., tickets are around \$169. West coast hubs, like Los Angeles, cost around \$269.

It's a great deal if you're traveling to international cities, like New York or London. It's not such a bargain for more obscure destinations. You'll need a ticket and be willing to fly when

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on a college budget, he says. \$10 instead.

Still don't think you have time? Employing creativity can take you out of dorm food, says Jamie Jensen of *USA: Cross-country Adventure Highways*.

"Look for off-season or shoulder season," Jensen says. Now 34, Jensen became a road warrior on hiatus from the U. of California into a two-year-long lifestyle.

Jensen says much of the time is spent working for lodging. He even rents out his car.

"The key is to go with the flow and sail on sailing boats and following hikers."

## Home, Home On The Road

Whether it's by plane, train or bus, let's just say you've cashed in on transportation funds. Buy a ticket and hit the road. You're not just a traveler, you're a pro.

Not to worry. The friendly folks at the nearest youth hostel can cut your travel costs.

National and International Hostelling provide separate men's and women's dormitory-style accommodations for a few dollars, says Lisa Diehlman, national program manager for Hostelling International. Staphannie Tallent, a grad student at the University of California, San Diego, is a member of the organization.

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Whole Earth buys unused seats to and from Europe on commercial airlines and sells them at the last minute. Travelers register a list of desired destinations and dates to travel, and the company locates the seat. The company only sells seats on a one-way basis, so you have to make return flight arrangements while you're traveling.

If you leave from an East Coast hub, like New York or D.C., tickets are around \$169 one-way. Departing from West coast hubs, like Los Angeles and San Francisco, tickets cost around \$269.

It's a great deal if you're traveling to and from major international cities, like New York, Los Angeles, Paris and London. It's not such a bargain if you're trying to reach more obscure destinations. You also have to prepay for the ticket and be willing to fly when called.

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#### Cheap tricks

A European vacation probably sounds like the hip, backpacker thing to do right now, but think again, says Bruce Northam, author of *The Frugal Globetrotter*. Asia, Latin America and Turkey are hot spots right now.

"I was in Europe this summer," Northam says. "It was jam-packed and pricey. Save the countries in Europe for when you're old and feeble and have no immunity. You'll want to knock out India and China while you're young and robust."

Paying more than \$20 a night is ridiculous

on a college budget, he says. Strive to make it on \$3 to \$10 instead.

Still don't think you have enough for a quick trip? Employing creativity can take you far, far away from exams and dorm food, says Jamie Jensen, author of *Road Trip USA: Cross-country Adventures on America's Two-Lane Highways*.

"Look for off-season or shoulder-season rates," Jensen says. Now 34, Jensen became a road warrior after a six-week hiatus from the U. of California, Berkeley, metamorphosed into a two-year-long lifestyle.

Jensen says much of the time he survived by trading work for lodging. He even rented hammocks for \$1 a night.

"The key is to go with the flow," Jensen says. "I ended up sailing boats and following harvests."



Head out on the highway.

#### On the road again

If you have a little more time to explore, hitting the road or the rails is a cheap but slow way to go.

Green Tortoise Tours offers an au naturel traveling experience, and slow is the only way it moves.

The San Francisco-based company does both short and long jaunts aboard buses that convert into bedrooms on the move, says Steven Brophy, an employee of Green Tortoise and frequent Tortoise tourist. Travelers sleep during the night drives and, during the day, cook, serve KP and sightsee together.

For a fee of \$400, Green Tortoise will take your pioneering spirit on a nine-day expedition into the Grand Canyon. One month in Alaska costs \$1,500 — airfare included. There are also trips to Seattle, Portland and Yosemite and a Northern Migration trip from Mexico to San Francisco.

For a little more than \$100, Luke Metzger took the Tortoise to Seattle and back from Los Angeles. The U. of Southern California junior says he'd take the weeklong journey again in a heartbeat.

"Sure, sometimes you'll be sleeping next to someone's feet, but it's worth it," he says. "There's just a great vibe on the bus, and it's filled with young people and international kids who are traveling around."

#### Hit the road, Jack

If you're running out of excuses to travel, try the old standby of job-hunting. Matt Krukin and Kim Giblin, '96 grads of the State U. of New York,

Oswego, spent two months traveling across the United States while interviewing for jobs.

For a mere \$1,800, the couple trekked through some 10 national parks, zoomed down the steepest roller coasters in the nation, appeared in the television audience of the *Dating Game*, jogged the Golden Gate Bridge and went wine tasting.

To cut costs during the trip, they cooked on a kerosene stove, purchased beverages in bulk and took advantage of national park passes that give discount rates at campsites.

"When we couldn't find a place to sleep, we slept in the back of the truck," Giblin says. "We did a lot of roughing it. The majority of the time we did a lot of hiking and things that didn't cost much."

Lampoon-esque student travels, national or international, are part of the learning experience, says Kevin Potchnr, founder and manager of Degrees of Freedom Travel.

"The greatest thing is to see and experience things you normally don't," he says. "Traveling gives you a unique and interesting perspective on the world. The whole sense of adventure is exciting."

And hey, with travel this cheap, you might even be able to afford a map.

For more information on *Airhitch with Whole Earth Travel*, call 1-800-326-2009.

Julie Blair could fly all the way to Chicago and back on the money she made from writing this story.



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On traveling cheaply:

**BH:** "We usually just walk."

**BV:** "Yeah, and sometimes we ride our bikes."

**BH:** "Oh yeah. And sometimes we take the bus to school."

**BV:** "Sometimes we don't even bother going to school."

## Home, Home On The Road

Whether it's by plane, train or amphibian bus, let's just say you've cashed in enough cans for transportation funds. You buy the ticket and hit the road. You're where you want to be, but now you're broke again.

Not to worry. The friendly folks at the nearest youth hostel can cut you a deal.

National and international youth hostels provide separate men's and women's dormitory-style accommodations and cost a few dollars, says Lisa Diehlmann, promotions manager for Hostelling International.

Stephanie Tallent, a grad student at

Texas A & M College of Veterinary Medicine, traveled Europe alone for four weeks and stayed in hostels the whole time.

"I was always in rooms with other people, and I was traveling by myself, so I made the effort to meet people," she says. "I visited Venice with a woman from Australia and wandered through Florence with a woman from New Zealand."

Here's the good news about hostels: Price tags for lodging range from \$8 to \$22 a night. Lockers to store belongings are available, as are single and double rooms, for a few dollars more. If you pack your own dinner, you can cook in the hostel's kitchen and keep costs down.

Here's the bad news about hostels: Depending on the size of the hostel, you could

find yourself bunking with between 15 and 480 other travelers. Some call it charming, others call it seedy. It all depends on how you view your traveling experience.

"Some are seedy, some are nice," says Margarethe Olsson, a senior at Virginia Tech. "It all depends on the area and the people running them. But some of the seedier hostels are the most fun. The really nice ones tend to be more restrictive, less friendly and less open."

Olsson has toured a handful of hostels across the United States — from Atlanta and Savannah, Ga., to San Francisco and New York. For a few bucks a night you get more than just a roof over your head, she says. Many hostels are restored old buildings that reek of local history.

Like the Miami Beach hostel. It was once Al Capone's hangout but was later converted into a hostel. One hostel in New York City provides walking tours of Harlem for travelers who want the anti-tourist tour of the real city. And a Seattle hostel was once the checkpoint for immigrants coming to America.

The bottom line? If you want to be pampered, fed, well-rested and clean during your travels, avoid the hostel experience. It might be worth it to cough up the extra bucks for a traditional hotel. But if you're looking for interesting fodder for your travel diary, and you don't mind cold showers and funky-smelling clothes, hostels are the way to go.

For information about national and international hostels, call (800) 444-6111.

# The GrAde DebAte

## Are colleges really pumping up grades?

BY DANIELLE NEWMAN

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**Y**OU LEARNED YOUR ABCs long ago, but alas, they're no longer quite what you remember (and you worried about retaining chem formulas!). Experts say college coursework that used to earn a "C" grade now pulls in grades that look more like "B"s, leaving some schools shaking in their boots over their reputations.

### Garden of even

Author Louis Goldman's "The Betrayal of the Gatekeeper: Grade Inflation," in *The Journal of General Education* says the trend of giving higher grades began in the late '60s and early '70s. He says professors gave students higher grades because they were trying to keep students in class and out of the draft.

John Cooper, a chemistry professor at Bucknell U., Pa., disagrees about grade inflation's origins. He says grade inflation occurred because some departments in the humanities traditionally contain classes not required to graduate, so they had to compete for students to take the classes.

"[The draft excuse] is a cop-out," Cooper says. "If you go back and actually look at grade distributions across the country in-depth, the sciences and engineering were much slower to inflate grades."

### If at first you don't succeed...

Other evidence points to second chances as the reason for a grade boom. The student government at Louisiana State U. has been trying to pass a Repeat/Delete policy for

five years. The policy would allow students to retake a class for a higher grade. No marks would be deleted from students' transcripts; only the higher grade would be calculated into the GPA.

Senior Paul Estes, student government president, says he supports the policy because of new demands on students, like the higher cost of education. Since more students work, study time is harder to find.

"It should be no problem to give students a second chance," Estes says.

But the faculty senate has decided not to vote on the issue again. "The major reason I object is the devaluation of the degree," says John Collier, president of the faculty senate.

Several schools — including the U. of California, Berkeley, Tennessee's Vanderbilt U. and New Jersey's Rutgers U. — have adopted some form of the policy. At Rutgers, students can repeat up to 12 credits of failed coursework. The policy was adopted because GPA requirements for graduation were raised from a 1.8 to a 2.0.

"I spend a lot of time speaking to students encouraging them [to repeat for an 'A']. I don't encourage students to get a 'C' to raise their GPA," says Shawn Johnson, assistant dean for academic standing and readmission at Rutgers.

### Dropping the bombs

Contrary to popular belief in academia, says Cliff Adelman, a senior research analyst with the Department of Education, grade inflation doesn't exist. A study he cited in a *New York Times* editorial shows that the percentage of "A"s fell from 27.3 percent between 1972 and 1982 to 25.2 percent between 1982 and 1992.

Adelman explains GPA increases by noting the various ways students can drop a class before a poor grade makes it on a transcript.

Until the 1995-96 school year, students at

Stanford U. could drop a class the day of the final exam and not be penalized. Students at Brown U., R.I., can still drop a class until the last day of class. And at most state

universities, just weeks before the end of the semester, a student can withdraw without receiving a "W."

Adelman says the media lead people to believe grade inflation exists by focusing on Ivy League schools, which historically give high grades. "Stanford, Harvard and Amherst are glitzy, and that's what [the media] report. That's not reality. They're not the average place where American kids are going."

Cooper disagrees. He says that while on a yearlong sabbatical at Cornell U., he noticed that the grade

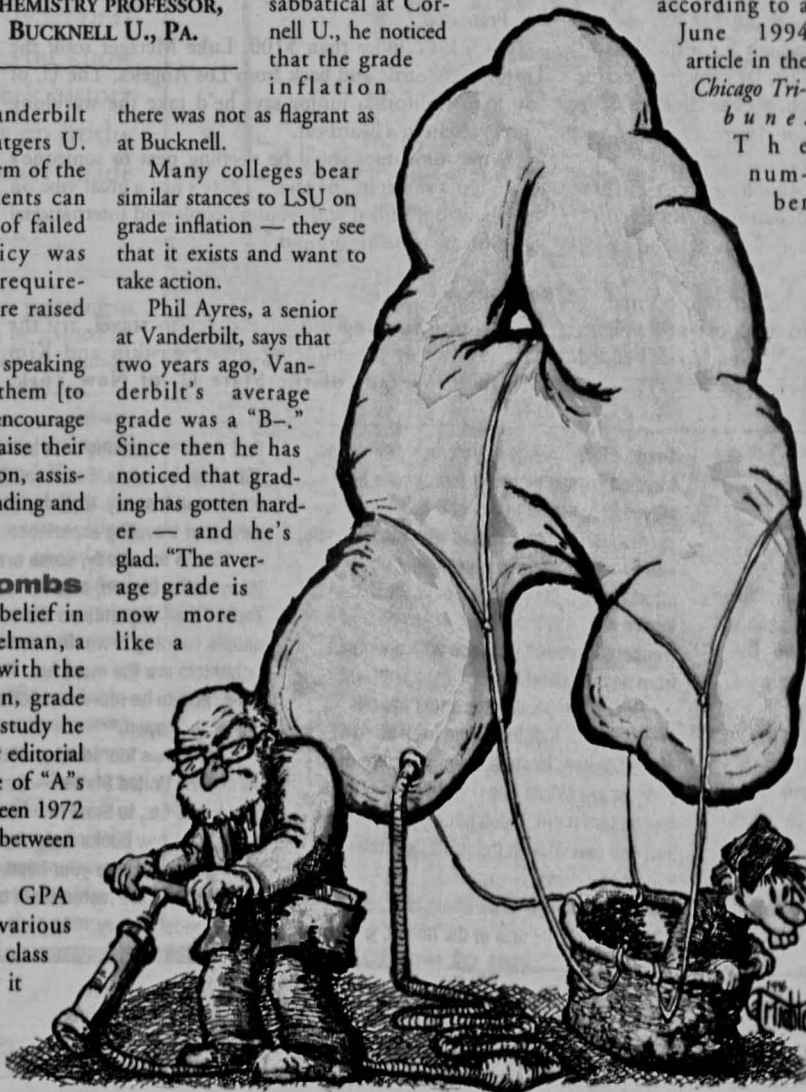
inflation there was not as flagrant as at Bucknell.

Many colleges bear similar stances to LSU on grade inflation — they see that it exists and want to take action.

Phil Ayres, a senior at Vanderbilt, says that two years ago, Vanderbilt's average grade was a "B-." Since then he has noticed that grading has gotten harder — and he's glad. "The average grade is now more like a

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'C.' It makes sense for those going on to professional school. It doesn't look as good doing well at a school whose average grade is a 'B-' as it does from one with a 'C.'"

Harry Cleaver, an economics professor at U. of Texas, Austin, says that UT used to unofficially record which professors were "inflators" and "deflators" by tracking average grades in classes. Being an "inflator" counted against a professor in pursuit of tenure or promotion. "Deflators" got raises.

### A history of failure

Rather than abolishing failing grades, as many schools have done in the past, Stanford is adding them — or at least one old favorite. Since Stanford abolished the "D" and the "F" grades in 1970, the school went 25 years without giving a failing grade. That ended when officials brought back the mark of failure to be noted as "NP," for "not passed," last school year.

During the 1968-69 school year, 35 percent of students at Stanford received an "A" and 1 percent received an "F,"

according to a June 1994 article in the *Chicago Tribune*.  
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# Rock

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## Pocket Band



### Tibbetts Street

"When we were playing in a small place, by the end of the night, people were on tables — when we'd play a polka or something," says Ryan McMaken, guitarist/vocalist for Tibbetts Street.

This pack of former high school buddies attracted an audience by charging \$1 per person at the Taco Stand in Athens, Ga. But their eclectic, personality-filled shows lured fans to bigger shows.

Tibbetts Street's CD *one seventy* features complex ballad grooves — just right for stretching out on a velour chaise longue — as well as beer-chug jams. Every bit is reminiscent of '70s rock, complete with guitar solos, flutes, tingling triangles, and, of course, keyboards.

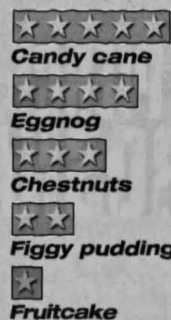
The CD is somewhat chaotic and similar to typical college-band Grateful Dead imitations. But Tibbetts Street is getting more organized. "Things are becoming less jam-oriented, with more emphasis on song writing," McMaken says.

"It's friendly music — not thrash or anger," says keyboardist/vocalist Mark Ross.

When band relations do get strained, Tibbetts Street have a sure-fire method to settle disputes. "We wrestle, and whoever wins is right," says drummer Charlie Whitney.

For more info, call Mark LaClaire at East Coast Entertainment at (800) 876-0016.

## Rating System



## Blind Melon

*Nico*  
Capitol



SOME FAMILIES HIGH-TAIL IT TO Olan Mills to capture the early smiles of their first kid. They order a million copies of the portrait and send it off to their friends. But Shannon Hoon got it backward — his bandmates/buddies made a portrait of Blind Melon and dedicated it to his daughter, Nico Blue.



Inside this scrapbook-like album, fans will find new treasures. There are outtakes and never-released tracks, including the last two recordings of Hoon before his death from a drug overdose. *Nico* displays the band's ironic vitality — evidence of what Blind Melon and its singer/songwriter were and could have been.

"Letters From a Porcupine" is a message from Hoon on guitarist Christopher Thorn's answering machine. Songs like eerie "No Rain" [ripped-away version] foreshadow Hoon's fate. Here's proof it's not too late to get to know the band that connected new- and old-style rock as effortlessly as it combined hope and despair.



## Tricky

*Pre-Millennium Tension*  
Island



Don't call it trip-hop. Tricky hates that expression, and, from the sound of this record, you don't want to be on his bad side.

It's rapturous to hear Martine Topley-Bird again on Tricky's latest — in fact, it's hard not to want more of her shards-of-glass voice. It's her singing that cuts soul-deep, not Tricky's. But he's the mastermind of this strolling, dark record.

This stuff is scary — not in the thrashing Marilyn Manson or gonna-shoot-you G-rapper sense, but because it's real and raw. You can feel Tricky's personal madness like 36-grit sandpaper on your soul. Chilling, not painful.

When Tricky's lazy, garbled lyrics bubble above the mesmerizing beats of "Tricky Kid," he sings, "They used to call me Tricky Kid. I lived the life they wish they did." That's when you know he's all truth.



## Engine 88

*Snowman*  
Caroline



Ever sit around letting every irritation and regret creep up on you until you want to scream?

Okay, it's not the most cheerful way to spend your time, but listening to singer Tom Barnes do it is kind of cool. At least that's what he sounds like he's doing. There's so much energy on this release that, even on the subtlest tracks, a sense of voluntary desperation emerges.

Set to post-punk guitar, Barnes' brooding easily translates into robust pop refrains. Eric Knight's bass guitar playing stands out as it threads the imaginative tunes together with consistent confidence.

Guitar-driven alterna-albums abound these days, but this record is cleaner than most without sacrificing aggression. Engine 88 know that passion doesn't have to mean drawn blood or broken instruments.

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## Tony Toni Toné

*House of Music*  
Mercury



"I've been looking, I've been searching, I've been walking and talking," sing Tony Toni Toné in "Thinking of You." But they've really been writing and producing since their 1993 album *Sons of Soul*.

*House of Music* marks the trio's return to its own soulful blend. Tony Toni Toné's sounds, lyrics and moods sweat, seduce, bump and sway together freely like no other group's can, whether they're doing sultry R&B or digging into horn-backed dance tracks.

Tony Toni Toné pull off striking, stripped-down ballads, but they also succeed where hip-hopers often fail — in merging lots of cool sounds. Funky "Let's Get Down" is their best compression of varied bits of sentiment and style. They get away with it because they're not just plain ol' hip-hop artists. They're about rap, funk and traditional R&B, too. The Tonys do it all at once... quite well.

## Our Picks



### Various Artists

*A Classic Cartoon Christmas*  
Nick at Nite  
Remember getting to stay up late in your footie pajamas to watch the Grinch, Frosty and Rudolph?

Whether you prefer the Muppets or good ol' Charlie Brown, these timeless cartoon classics are a must-have. If you don't want this CD, your heart must be two sizes too small.

**John Pizzarelli**  
*Let's Share Christmas*  
RCA

Dreaming about snuggling under the comforter with the cooing of a sexy big band singer? Try warming up with John Pizzarelli. Each song captures the magic of Christmas like it was in the good old days, but there's nothing dusty about this slick, young Sinatra-ite!

### Various Artists

*Celtic Heartbeat Christmas*  
Celtic Heartbeat/Atlantic

Ethereal sounds enchant with this seasonal collection, which highlights centuries of beautiful folk music from around the world. Scottish, German, Irish and American musicians contribute soothing vocal and instrumental alternatives.

### Various Artists

*A Country Christmas*  
Nashville/Arista

Country music stars do favorite

Christmas classics and guitar-by-the-fire originals. Start grinning, cowboy, because these carols remain recognizable, unlike the many Christmas compilations that inject overdoses of genre. You'll smell the chestnuts roasting before the first track is over.

### R2-D2 and C-3PO

*Christmas In The Stars*  
Rhino

For the first time on CD, this long-out-of-print kitsch classic of beeps, blips and Jedi jigs helps create a holiday that's out of this world. The best track is "What Can You Get a Wookiee For Christmas (When He Already Owns a Comb)?"

### Various Artists

*Festival Of Light*  
Six Degrees/Island

You'll want more than eight days to

enjoy this musical Hanukkah celebration. Vocal and instrumental work and tradition and modernism mix peacefully. Didge-doo, hymn-like lyrics, tablas, trip-hop beats and old-fashioned R&B light up the festivities.

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Can't get enough of '80s schmaltz? This compilation should help with tracks by XTC, Squeeze, the Pretenders, David Bowie (with Bing Crosby), Wall of Voodoo, They Might Be Giants and friends. Pass the synthesizer and the eggnog.

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Fine Line



Director Scott Hicks sheds some light on the troubled life of pianist David Helfgott. It dramatizes how love rekindled his lust for life after a retreat from the classical music lime-light in his early 20s.

Lynn Redgrave stars as the match.

## One Fine Day

20th Century Fox

This is one hellish day for George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer to get up close and personal. The single mom and weekend dad are brought together for romance after a series of mishaps. Could be just what the doctor ordered.

## Hamlet

Castle Rock

Hours (and we mean hours) of entertainment about one of the world's first dysfunctional families. Kenneth Branagh, who can't get Shakespeare off the brain, assembles Billy Crystal, Jack Lemmon, Julie Christie, Robin Williams, Gerard Depardieu and Kate Winslet for this sordid tale of jealousy, madness and the Oedipus complex.

## The Evening Star

Paramount

For sure holiday cheer, go see this sequel to *Terms Of Endearment*. Shirley MacLaine reprises her role as Aurora Greenway, now grandmother to three troubled individuals, played by Juliette Lewis, George Newbern (*Father Of The Bride II*) and Mackenzie Astin (*Iron Will*).

## Citizen Ruth

Miramax

Newcomer Alexander Payne gives birth to a satirical look at the abortion debate. Laura Dern (*Jurassic Park*) is the pregnant, glue-sniffing nobody in Middle America who becomes a media-circus pawn. May be operation rescue for the careers of Burt Reynolds and Swoosie Kurtz (TV's *Sisters*).

## The People vs. Larry Flynt

Columbia

Woody Harrelson is porn to be wild in his role as *Hustler* head honcho and First Amendment activist Larry Flynt. With only a sixth-grade education, he takes on an assassin, Jerry Falwell, the Supreme Court and Courtney Love.



## The Substance of Fire

Miramax

Sarah Jessica Parker and Timothy Hutton try to save their father's publishing business after their brother/firm partner gets tired of playing by the book. Ron Rifkin is the obstinate dad who'd rather print a history of Nazi crimes than a best seller.

## Scream

Dimension



We s Craven goes out on a limb to direct a scary movie. The catch is that it's a spoof of sorts in which all of the victims love horror flicks but can't remember the genre's formula to save their lives from a psychopath. Drew Barrymore, Neve Campbell (TV's *Party of Five*) and Courtney Cox star as the token chesty screamers.

## Night Falls on Manhattan

Paramount



Sidney Lumet (*Serpico*, *Prince Of the City*) directs a movie about cops, corruption and lawyers. Hard to believe, but true. Andy Garcia portrays an idealistic policeman turned district attorney who discovers life isn't all roses at the top. He faces personal letdown, professional betrayal and Richard Dreyfuss.

## Rosewood

Warner Bros.



Director John Singleton travels to Florida, but don't expect any Mickey Mouse ears. Jon Voight and Ving Rhames (*Pulp Fiction*)

lead the rescue mission when whites burn down a prosperous black town after false accusations of assault are made.

You'll find everything but the Raisinets on U.'s movie page: <http://www.umagazine.com>

## The Reel Deal

### Just Write

Five out of five dentists from Wisconsin prefer investing in independent films, especially since *Just Write* is the dream of a fellow cheese state native. So when Heath McLaughlin set out to produce a film, he called his people for financial backing and a root canal.

"It's a leap of faith for everyone involved, but it will work because it's being done the way filmmaking should be — with integrity," McLaughlin says.

Sound too confident for a first-time producer 11 days into filming? Well, not without good reason. Stars like Sherilyn Fenn, Jeremy Piven, Jo Beth Williams and Costas Mandylor deemed the story worthwhile enough to take parts. Everything is accounted for in the under-\$1 million budget, and the industry is buzzing with early media coverage. A spring release is planned, although a distributor still needs to be found.

But no one seems to be worried about that on the night of the century's last lunar eclipse, when a gala party scene is unraveling at a Malibu mansion. The timing couldn't be better for a romantic comedy about a tour-bus driver (Piven, TV's *Ellen*) so smitten with a starlet that he pretends to be a famous screenwriter.

"It's a very Capraesque, big-hearted movie. The main characters are the last of the innocents," Piven says. "It's rare that movies are about the underdog. This is sort of like my character's coming-out party."

## Screen Saver

### Fierce Creatures

Someone once told John Cleese that the hardest type of film to market is an original one. His own rule of thumb is to never work with animals, children or Kevin Kline.

Of course, in the spirit of *Monty Python*, he ignored all mantras and started writing an "equal" to the 1988 smash, *A Fish Called Wanda*.

*Fierce Creatures* reassembles *Wanda's* cast — Jamie Lee Curtis, Kline, Cleese and Michael Palin — and puts them in an unrelated setting with new on-screen egos.

"This is a strong comedy team, but they aren't funny enough to distract the audience's attention away from me," Cleese says. "Despite how difficult they are, I thought it'd be fun to work with them again. But I couldn't make a sequel. They almost never measure up to the first one."

This time the fabulous foursome is at a zoo acquired in a corporate takeover. Each has a different idea of how the zoo should be run to bring in more revenue. Cleese — who loves filming with animals, especially ring-tailed lemurs — dedicated the film to a personal zoo keeper hero.

"Animals are a treat to work with. You never know what they're going to do, so they keep you and your comedy on your toes."





overhead and Pixie Stix and Fog  
Rocks filling concession stands.

"We've worked hard to be best  
est to the material. We're not  
cashing in. We just fell in the  
dle of the retro craze, but we  
looking for a life after it as well  
Lynn says.

Lynn says they started the show  
because the songs work well with  
original fans and new ones.

"They know how to write  
good song, how to take complex  
take complex ideas and break them  
into jingles. You don't get bored,  
no matter how old you are."

Stay tuned for possible visits to  
San Francisco, Boston and Los Angeles.

These  
es made  
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STEVENS, BLIND  
GUITARIST

**Melting pot**  
The buck doesn't stop there  
either. Creative

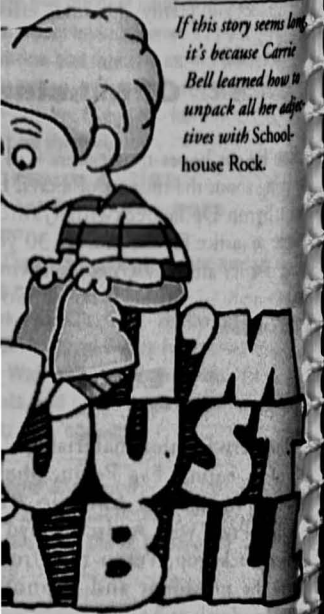
Wonders, a software company  
designed a math CD-ROM, and  
others are in the works. Stores are  
also filled with T-shirts, key  
chains and plastic figurines  
inspired by the show. Enough to  
make Interplanet Janet leave her  
head in the stars.

"When I was selling T-shirts [in  
Berkeley], I couldn't keep anything  
related to that show in stock. Kids  
my age just eat that stuff up," says  
U. of California, Berkeley, grad stu-  
dent Monica Kirby.

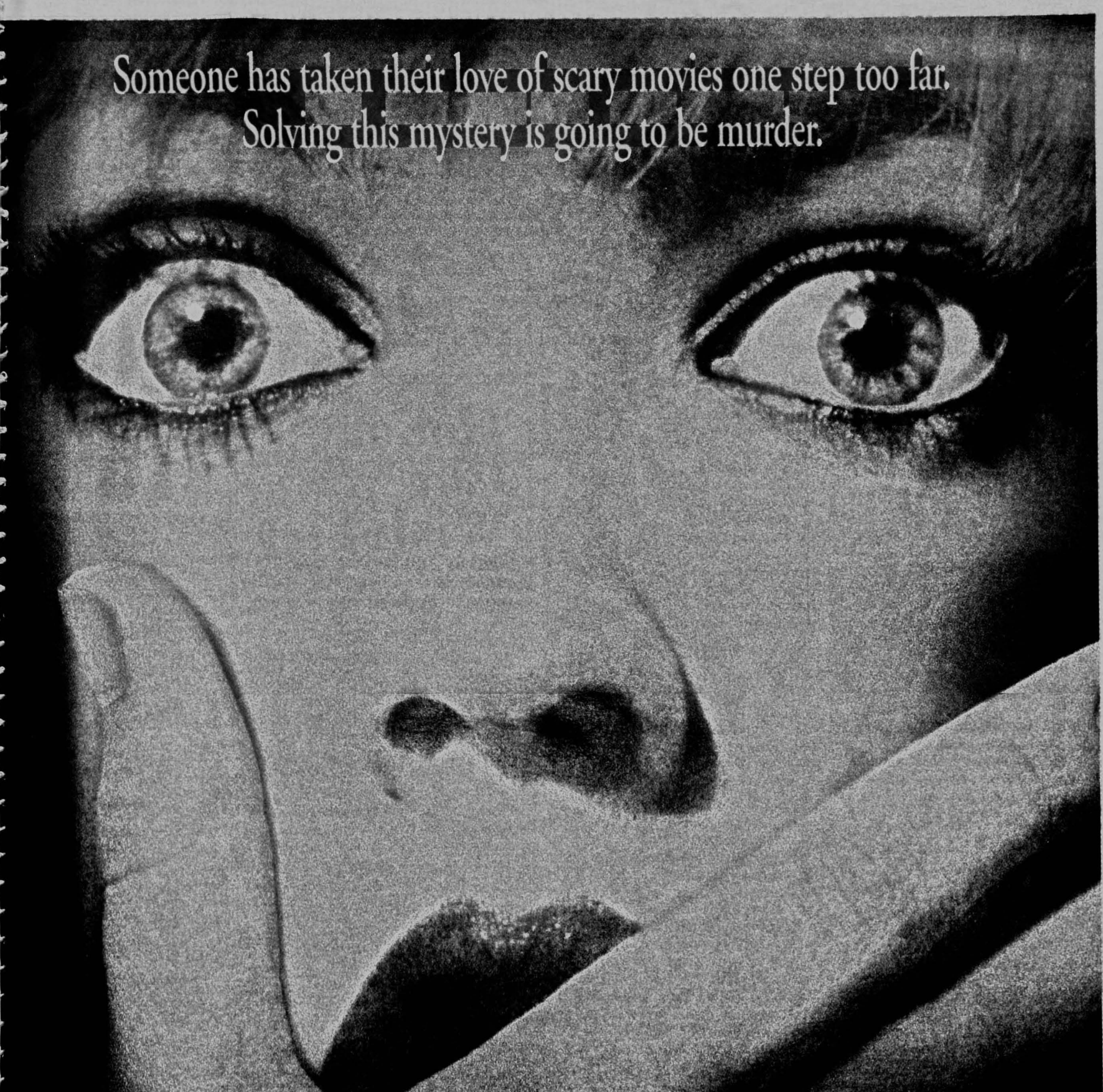
As for those involved in the  
many projects, the popularity was  
nothing but expected.

"Kids were so saturated by it  
I figured the tunes would last  
forever. So many college kids  
come up to me after a perfor-  
mance and say, 'Your voice  
sounds so familiar,'" says Don-  
ough. "I reply, 'Conjunction  
Junction?' and they give me a  
knowing look and say, 'What  
your function?' It's kind of like  
being a rock star."

If this story seems long,  
it's because Carrie  
Bell learned how to  
unpack all her ad-  
jectives with School-  
house Rock.



Someone has taken their love of scary movies one step too far.  
Solving this mystery is going to be murder.



# S C R E A M

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THE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED NEW THRILLER FROM WES CRAVIN

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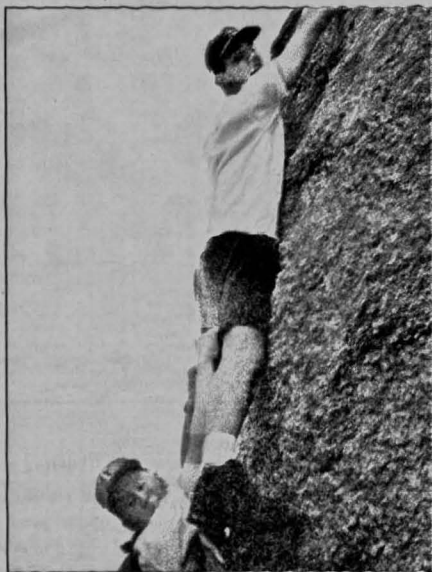
Eric Endelman, U. of Michigan  
"Just Did it in a cap and gown."

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Chad Martin, Texas Tech U.  
"Hangin' out at Enchanted Rock."

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Photos can be of anyone or anything on or off campus, from normal (whatever that is) to outrageous. For best results, keep the faces in focus and the background as light as possible.

Winners of the month will be published in



Bryce Kunimoto, U. of California, San Diego  
"Breaking down cultural barriers in Zimbabwe."

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Thi Duong, U. of South Florida  
"Bird watching on a camping trip during exam week."

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## Holiday Gift Wish List

*U.* asked 675 college students at 25 schools what they want this holiday season. The top five answers in the survey:

#### Tech Tools

1. computer
2. CD-ROM drive
3. software
4. printer
5. modem

#### Communications

1. cellular phone
2. fax machine
3. online account
4. cordless phone
5. beeper/pager

#### Audio Equipment

1. CD player
2. mini CD player
3. headphones
4. speakers
5. blank cassettes

#### TV/Video Equipment

1. camcorder
2. TV
3. TV/Video game system
4. VCR
5. blank videos

#### Entertainment Accessories

1. CDs
2. movie videos
3. movie tickets
4. concert tickets
5. books

#### Photography Equipment

1. film
2. digital camera
3. instant camera
4. 35mm camera
5. camera lenses

#### Transportation - 4-Wheelers

1. car
2. truck
3. sport utility vehicle
4. van

#### Transportation - 2-Wheelers

1. mountain bike
2. touring bike
3. motorcycle
4. scooter/moped

#### Vehicle Items

1. car stereo
2. tune-up
3. car alarm
4. car phone
5. tires

#### Sports/leisure Gear

1. athletic shoes
2. hiking boots
3. camping gear
4. workout clothes
5. in-line skates

#### Clothes/Accessories

1. jeans
2. shoes
3. shirts/blouses
4. jacket/coat
5. sweaters

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After the glut of touchy-feely, pseudo-philosophical, "the table, look-at-what-I've got-behind-my-toilet books, along comes the refreshing *Stan's Little Instruction Book* by Carmine DeSena. It features "devilisms" to use...

### On your Grandparents:

- Start off every conversation with "Don't you remember we talked about this?"
- Mouth words without speaking.

### On your kids:

- Tell your kids you love them as if they were your own.
- Tell each sibling the other is your favorite.

### On teachers:

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### On students:

- Place short students in the back.

### On blind dates:

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- 1. glasses/sunglasses
- 2. care products
- 3. cosmetics/skincare
- 4. car insurance
- 5. microwave

**On your kids:**

- 1. AIDS-related charities
- 2. cancer-related charities

**On teachers:**

- 1. job after graduation
- 2. aunt pays your tuition
- 3. y to read minds
- 4. that never breaks down
- 5. ample parking on campus

**On students:**

- 1. Only Had One Holiday Wish
- 2. everything on this list
- 3. extra in new Star Wars

**On blind dates:**

- 1. someone else take my finals
- 2. around the world
- 3. Jesus and ask him a few questions

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# EXIT! STAGE DIVE

Remember when concerts were fun?

BY JAMES HIBBERD  
 ASSISTANT EDITOR

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FIRST YOU GO THROUGH THE METAL DETECTOR. THEN you empty your pockets onto the table. Any contraband (cigarettes, lighters, insulin, etc.) is confiscated and not returned. Next, an eager guard pats you down... searching... searching ("hey!") to make sure you're not holding back.

While he's feeling you up, you spot the sign: "Moshing, slam dancing or stage diving is cause for immediate EJECTION!"

Wait a minute. This ain't Sing-Sing. This here's the maximum security level of Lollapalooza.

But it wasn't always this way. Many, many years ago, young Jeem Moree Son of the primitive Apollonia tribe accidentally wandered on stage during the celebration of the spring harvest. The clumsy Son tripped into the red-hot campfire and hopped around, yowling and cursing to the beat of the tribal drums.

To his surprise, the crowd was delighted. Later that night, even though Son possessed no land, had no

survival skills and was strikingly unattractive, two village girls happily followed him back to his cave.

Son began performing his howling and jumping show every night, and even traveled to neighboring villages. As his popularity grew, Jeem Moree Son fashioned tight pants out of cow skin, shortened his name to "Son," and launched the Son God Tour. The young tribesman who formerly couldn't be trusted to light his own fire — let alone light anyone else's — was given more food, clothing and women than any man could consume.

Although Son died from overeating mind-altering mushrooms, many others stepped forth to carry on the tradition. And for thousands of years, the delighted audience, the idolized performers and the unscrupulous tribal concert promoters all basked in the harmonious glow of rock and roll and fire.

Even in recent times, rock concerts were cause for celebration. Watching the video from the original Woodstock is viewing some serious fun: No time limits on the sets, free admission, beer flowing like... wine, ugly nekkid people running around, huddled figures trying to keep warm — indisputable proof we hadn't lost that primitive spirit.

But fast forward to modern rock fests and you'll see that the only thing remotely primitive are the pierced body parts — the one tribal custom that never should've become popular again. The sex tents in primitive times turned into the LSD recovery tents of Woodstock, which in turn became the AT&T "Try a cellular phone for FREE" tents of today. Truly a step backward in evolutionary priorities.

So I ask you: Where is the joyous, unfettered spirit? Where is the sense of communal harmony? Where, for Chrissake, are the nekkid people?

Metal detectors, security guards and dancing restrictions. It's positively... barbaric.



Don't let him fool you: James Hibberd loves to be searched at concerts.

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