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I.C. reacts to death of 'B.I.G.' rapper

By Emily Shack
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The Notorious B.I.G., an East coast gangsta rapper whose hip-hop rhymes reminisced about his crack-dealing past in Brooklyn, was killed in a drive-by shooting Sunday.

The 24-year-old rapper, also known as Biggie Smalls, was the second major rapper to die in a drive-by shooting in the last six months. Tupac Shakur was killed in Las Vegas last fall.

The rap star, whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed outside a party while sitting in his parked GMC Suburban, which was punctured by at least five bullets in the gang-style attack.

Wallace was rushed in the same vehicle to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, police said. No immediate arrests were made.

Wallace built his gangsta rap persona around his past as an ex-crack dealer from Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, one of the city's toughest neighborhoods.

UI junior Josh Walehwa said Wallace's tough lifestyle didn't change when he became a superstar. "Rap was his podium, a place to speak about his real life," Walehwa said. "Like any artist, he expressed himself through his art, but I don't think it was the music that killed him - it was his lifestyle ... Stuff like this happens everyday - we just notice it when it happens to a superstar. Unfortunately, revenge occurs everyday, too."

Wallace and Shakur were considered to be rivals, occasionally taking shots at each other in their songs. Wallace conspicuously was absent from a "rap summit" last fall in Harlem, where East and West coast rappers met to ease tensions after Shakur's death.

"There's going to be a lot of confusion, and the media will be trying to make this another East-West coast fight, correlating it with Tupac's death," Walehwa said. "Personally, I think the shooting goes deeper into Biggie Small's life than we will ever know. People expected something bad to happen."

UI junior Gena Wells, a rap music fan, said she was shocked when she heard the news of the Notorious B.I.G.'s death, and described the shooting as "total craziness."

"The death of anyone is upsetting," Wells said. "This is another

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Students feel crackdown at bars

As temperatures rose this weekend, so did arrests of underage bar patrons by the ICPD

By Jennifer Cassell
The Daily Iowan

UI students whose bar attendance increases with the coming of spring are being greeted downtown by Iowa City police officers ready to issue more tickets for underage

Lieutenant Ron Fort said each spring the ICPD makes more of an effort to do routine checks on bar crowds in the downtown area and its parameters.

Fort said for the last six years, the ICPD has had more bar checks during the spring semester and also in the beginning of the UI's fall semester. He said these random checks are spread evenly among

the bars and will continue as long as personnel is available.

"Kids are coming out in more force because of warmer weather," he said. "It happens every year, as the weather gets nicer, people come out and consume more."

UI freshman Erin Hardtke, 19, received a \$34 ticket for underage drinking at Bo James, 118 E. Washington St., Thursday. She said she

was sitting with a group of friends, drinking beers when an ICPD officer came up to them and asked to see identification.

"I think that it was bound to happen sooner or later," Hardtke said.

While Hardtke said she isn't surprised the police are busting underage drinkers, she thinks their efforts are pointless and too late in

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Committee outlines downtown expansion

By Jeff Clayton
The Daily Iowan

A grocery store, an ice skating rink and an expanded library are three recommendations for an expanded downtown Iowa City area outlined in a final report released by the Downtown Strategy Committee on Thursday.

Committee members envision a downtown with a spectrum of businesses and people which would spill over into the "near southside" past Burlington Street, to include the post office and courthouse in the downtown core.

"We want downtown to remain eclectic," said committee member Suzanne Gleeson, an employee of Prairie Lights Book Store, 15 S. Dubuque St. "We don't want it to be just a retail place or a bar place, but able to attract a wide variety of people of all ages."

Downtown Strategy Committee member Suzanne Gleeson

ping cart and ended up hiding in people's driveways every time the police drove by."

UISG President Marc Beltrame, who is a committee member, said the concerns of UI students are well represented in the report. The report will serve as a blueprint for the Chamber of Commerce and City Council to address the needs of students, Beltrame said.

"I was particularly impressed by the decision to undertake a market analysis to the needs of the community of which students are a part," Beltrame said. UI employees also were appointed by the City Council to the 16-member committee.

Beltrame said the creation of destination points would bring more people to the downtown area.

Although development efforts would be concentrated south of the present

downtown area, the Pedestrian Mall would be maintained, Gleeson said. However, the playground and fountain possibly would be altered or replaced.

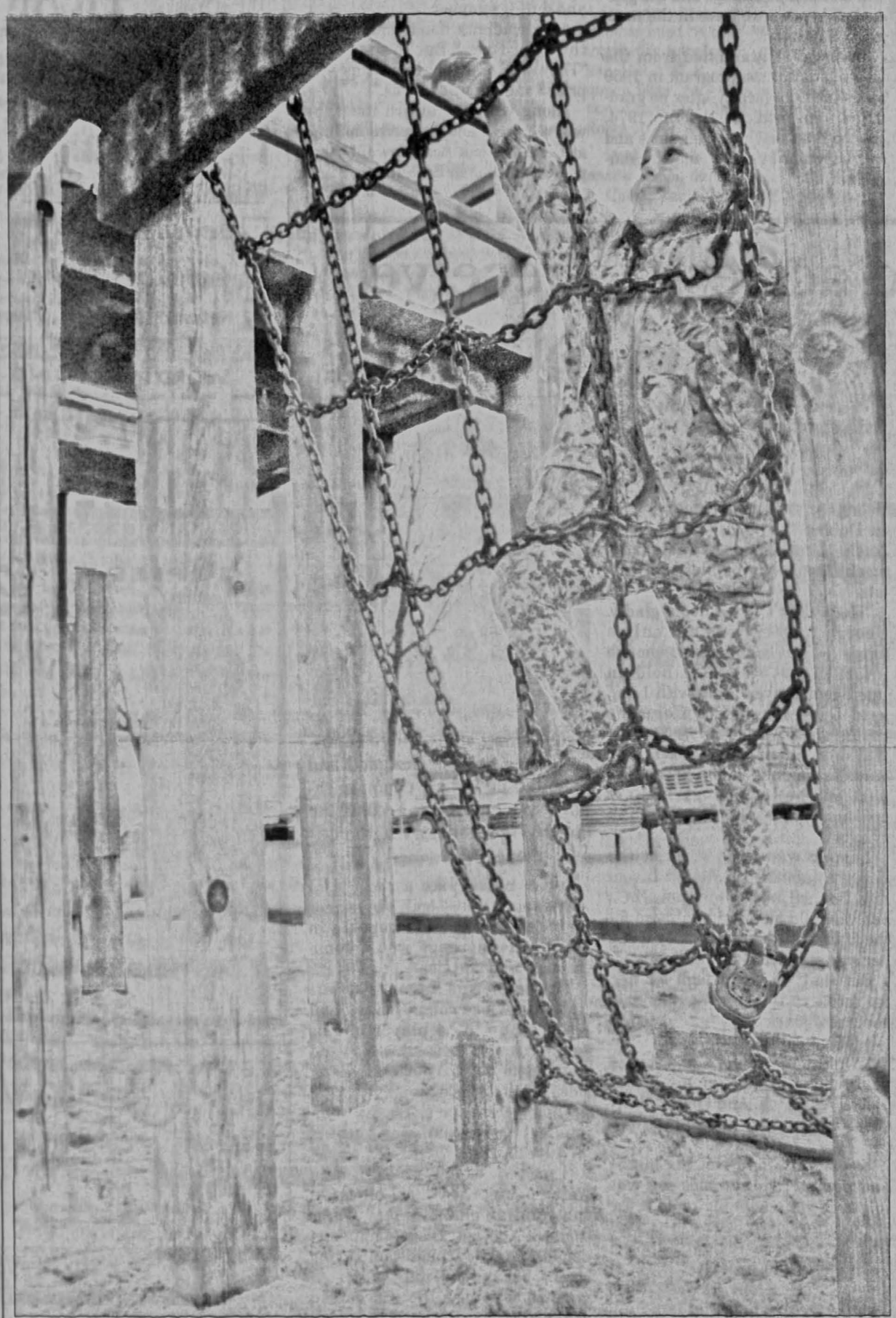
The expanded library could include space for an auditorium and a cultural center to display art exhibits. Furthermore, a new convention hotel and conference center potentially will be established to anchor development south of downtown.

Other highlights of the report include requesting an unarmed police officer to patrol the Pedestrian Mall from noon to 8 p.m. to keep an eye out for burglaries, harassment and panhandling. The report aims to improve downtown cleanliness and to develop a streetscape plan for consistency in the downtown area.

Iowa City resident Ellen McMillin said stores carrying more economical items, like Target, are needed.

"The stores downtown have

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Iowa City resident Shakan Iman Garane climbs on the playground in the Pedestrian Mall Sunday afternoon. The playground and fountain in the Pedestrian Mall possibly could be altered or replaced altogether, though development efforts would be concentrated south of the present downtown area.

I.C., students rattled by NCAA tourney seeds

By Joseph Leavitt
The Daily Iowan

Iowa fans are feeling badgered by Sunday's seedings in the NCAA tournament set to begin Thursday. The Hawkeye men and women were seeded eighth and ninth, respectively.

The women play North Carolina State in the first round in Connecticut Saturday. The men will play Virginia in Salt Lake City Thursday. Both teams have potentially difficult opponents if they make it to the second round.

The women might have to play against undefeated UConn and the men would run into defending national champion Kentucky. Each of those teams are the top-ranked team in their region.

UI students said the men's seeding was lower than it should have been. Iowa, which finished tied for second in the Big Ten Conference, was seeded lower than both Illinois and Wisconsin, who tied for fourth in the conference.

Iowa City resident Matthew Marksen said the Wisconsin seeding is unbelievable.

"I think it's bullshit," Marksen

said, "I can't believe Wisconsin is a higher seed."

UI graduate student Jeff McKinney also thinks the Wisconsin ranking was off.

"We had a better Big Ten and overall record than Wisconsin and they got a higher seed," McKinney said. "We were the second-lowest seeded team in the Big Ten. That stinks."

The consensus among students is that the Hawkeyes will get past the first round, and then be beaten by Kentucky.

"I think they will win their first-round game, but then it will be tough going up against a No. 1 seed," Iowa City resident Jamie Molony said.

UI student Keith Mounia said he isn't sure that the first game will be so easy. He said it reminds him of the seeding last year, when Iowa struggled to get past its first-round opponent, George Washington.

"Their chances are slim and none," Mounia said, "The Virginia game will be a tough one, like the George Washington game last year."

UI junior Ryan McDonald is con-

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UI alumni Steve Determan, left, and Ron Bartels react to Iowa receiving the eighth seed in the Western division. Iowa will have to play Virginia in the first round of the NCAA tournament. "I think they got screwed," said Determan, "but they have to play everyone anyway."



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

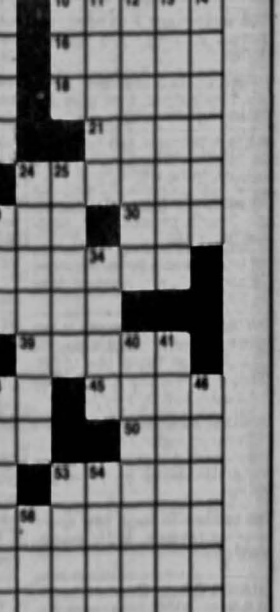


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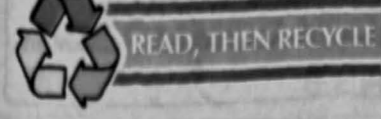
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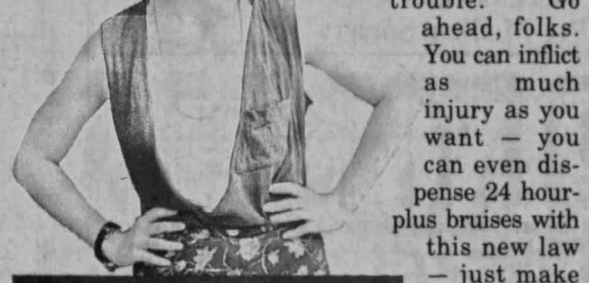
Redefinition won't erase the problem

I'm amazed by it all. Some Iowa politicians are so impressive. So efficient. So committed. Children's advocates have been trying for years to combat child abuse. They have tried community education, parenting classes, harsher laws, tougher sentences and stiffer penalties.

But one Iowa state representative has come up with something that never even occurred to these devoted activists. And he came across this solution quite by accident. The best way to decrease child abuse in Iowa is simply - are you ready for this? - to change its definition.

Why no one has thought of this before, I'm not sure. But Dan Boddicker, a Republican from Tipton, is advocating "a change in the definition of what constitutes child abuse." As the law stands currently, child abuse is defined as "intentionally inflicting an injury, such as a bruise, that lasts more than 24 hours." In such cases, officials are required to investigate the situation. In Boddicker's world, abuse charges would be pursued "only in cases where an injury requires a doctor's care."

Not only is this revision good news for children's advocates, who will witness plummeting child abuse statistics, but it also is good for those grown-ups who want to hit their kids just enough to hurt them, but not enough to get into trouble. Go ahead, folks. You can inflict as much injury as you want - you can even dispense 24-hour-plus bruises with this new law - just make sure that your little tyke does not "require a doctor's care."



Lea Haravon

And if, by mistake, you do go a bit too far, just don't take the kid to the doctor.

This also is good news for children who get hit. When these little ones grow up, they will be able to say, with full legal backing, that they were not abused as children. "Sure, I had a lot of bruises, but I never had to go to the doctor for them, so it's not abuse." Better still, if they follow the law precisely, they will, in turn, be able to not abuse their own children. This revision of the law could break the cycle of violence.

This is such a great idea. I'm embarrassed no one had thought of it before Mr. Boddicker came along. Well, lucky for us he was elected.

In the interest of emulating Representative Boddicker's intelligence, perhaps we should consider other legislative definitional changes as well. For example, let's define "rape" as punishable only if the woman had to go to the Emergency Room as a result of the act. "Pollution" could mean destroying all evidence of life in a given area, and the word "poverty" legally would describe someone who has lived on the street for more than two years.

But words are not reality, and changing definitions will not make people feel less abused or less poor. Changes like these might actually make people feel worse ("I wasn't really raped, so why can't I snap out of this depression?"). Such tampering with legal definitions of words may assuage the public conscience by tidying up our statistics, but it won't erase pain or heal scars of abuse.

In Boddicker's defense, he probably did not come up with this plan in order to fudge statistics. Like many Republicans, Boddicker probably believes in as little government intervention in the private realm as possible and wants "discipline" to be a right/rite of the family.

A more global example of this position is U.S. right-wing lobbyists' objection to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that "every child is entitled to full protection from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse." To date, the U.S. has not signed this charter. Opponents of the statement claim it is "an invasion of privacy and the rights of the family." How's that for family values?

It seems to me any lobbyist who is so attached to the idea of privacy in the home that they would not support such a statement must have something to hide.

I'm not saying these lobbyists necessarily sexually exploit children. I'm not even saying that Boddicker hits kids (at least not enough to warrant a visit to the pediatrician). I am saying anyone who wants to change the meaning of a word so fewer children will be legally abused, but more might be actually abused, must have a very interesting reason for doing so.

And I am waiting, amazed, to hear his.

Lea Haravon's column appears alternate Mondays on the Viewpoints Pages.

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Quotable

"If you're just sitting there drinking, having a good time, there's nothing wrong with that. The people that are running around destroying the Ped Mall should be the ones getting in trouble."

UI freshman Amanda Collins, on the increase in police tickets for underage drinking this Friday and Saturday

People make mistakes,
--Lynn Utrecht, General Counsel,
Clinton/Gore Campaign



Disciplines need to work together

Last Wednesday, a capacity crowd turned out to see Stephen Jay Gould, a Harvard evolutionary biologist, zoologist and paleontologist, deliver a speech titled, "The Interactions of Art and Science." During that speech, Gould reiterated one of his important themes, that single, simple, explanatory principles should not be used to describe complex systems. He uses examples from evolution to art to show how in the course of history, humans have had the tendency to falsely rationalize complex systems with anthropocentric notions.

Gould is doing everyone a favor by presenting an alternative, "whole picture" view of how things work, usually in terms that the non-Harvard professor can understand.

Increasingly, there has been a call for a multi-disciplinary approach to education. Much of it is based on the vague idea that the 21st century will demand "broader thinking" and "diverse approaches" to problems. Gould is one of the few who articulates clearly why the "traditional mode" of thinking must be expanded to include a different consideration of the big picture. This means encouraging multi-disciplinary education, but dispensing also with rigid categorization altogether. "Why are paleon-

toologists always allied with the natural sciences and not history?" Gould asked his audience. In his books and during his lecture, Gould describes how artists shaped the popular conception of evolution when they attempted to draw pictures of it. In these so-called scientific renderings, a chronological sequence is drawn, moving from less complex to more complex organisms. The misleading trait of these diagrams is that as soon as the larger organisms appear, the less complex ones cease to be included. "This absurdly biased mode," as Gould says, implies evolution is directional, that it was designed from the beginning to culminate in the development of homo sapiens. In

another "scientific" diagram, invertebrates disappear from the sequence early on, a symptom of our "vertebratecentricism."

To use Gould's terminology, evolution is conceived better as an "arboreal bush" than a linear process, or ladder. To draw only humans, which emerge at the end of many evolutionary paths, is to focus on only one tiny twig of a very diverse plant. But artists and scientists have done just that, thereby distorting the popular view of evolution.

All of us who pursue academic questions could benefit from considering the interaction of disciplines relevant to our field of study. Or, like Gould, we could call distinctions between disciplines irrelevant to our purpose. And what is the purpose of learning anything, aside from making money? The pure reason for learning something is to understand the world around us.

If all of the disciplines exist for that purpose, then they can be used together to approach difficult problems. This is the argument for multi-disciplinary education, and Gould does an admirable job of showing how it works.

Brian Sutherland is an editorial writer and a UI junior

SHARPNICK



URINALYSIS

What do you think downtown Iowa City is missing?



- "More vegetation, shrubbery." Ron Jeremy UI senior
- "Better stores and more variety." Eileen Tunney UI sophomore
- "Juice bars and adult bookstores." Josh Johanningmeier UI law student
- "It's very white. We need to import more brown students." Al Lopez UI graduate student
- "Fifteen degrees." Tyson Smith UI graduate student

Dealing with racism in art from the past

Those who work with the literature of the past often are confronted with a serious dilemma: The works of our greatest authors often embody some of the worst prejudices of their time. Such is the case with "The Merchant of Venice," playing this weekend at the E.B. Mabie Theatre.

I'd never read the play before last year, despite having taken two Shakespeare courses as an undergraduate. As a tremendous admirer of Shakespeare, I'd always assumed the charges of anti-Semitism were unfounded or exaggerated. I was wrong. "The Merchant of Venice" fundamentally is an anti-Semitic play.

Defenders of the play will point to the efforts to humanize the character of Shylock, a Jewish moneylender. His hostility towards Antonio is introduced as a reaction to the anti-Semitism he has suffered in the past; one of the most moving passages in all of Shakespeare is the famous "Hath not a Jew eyes?" speech, where Shylock both defends his humanity and explains that he has learned his villainy from the Christian. Shylock loses our sympathy as the play progresses, however, and his desire for revenge becomes more irrational and violent, undermining the arguments he makes earlier.

Another factor to consider is Shylock's daughter Jessica, a "good Jew." It is true that by making her of her father's "blood" but not "his manners," Shakespeare avoids racial anti-Semitism. But Jessica is good only because she plans to become a Christian and Lorenzo's loving wife. Given the historical context of the play, Shakespeare's anti-Semitism admittedly is rather mild. When he wrote it, Jews had been banished from England for 300 years. Shylock does not poison wells or drink the blood of Christian children, two popular medieval libels against the Jews. However, the play fundamentally is anti-Semitic because it conflates Shylock's religion with the practice of charging interest on money, or "usury."

There is some basis to this. Both medieval Jews and Christians were forbidden to lend money with interest to co-religionists on the basis of the same biblical passage, Deuteronomy 23:20. Thus, Jews became the bankers for the Christian community. By Shakespeare's time, however, the theologians of both religions effectively had sidestepped the ban, and there were plenty of Christian moneylenders. In fact, in 16th-century Italy, where "The Merchant of Venice" is set, the Jews only survived as moneylenders because they charged lower interest rates than their Christian competitors.

Thus the play contains a gross historical distortion, one that cannot be ameliorated by any director, however culturally sensitive and high-minded, without a major alteration of the text. To be a Jew, the play implies, is to be intrinsically greedy; to be a Christian is to be charitable and kind. If these differences are religious and cultural, as Shakespeare implies, then they can be resolved by forced conversion, which is what happens to Shylock at the end. If one believes these differences are racial, however, they can be resolved only by extermination.

Does this mean the University Theatre should have chosen to produce one of Shakespeare's 12 other comedies? Not necessarily. I've faced a similar dilemma in teaching Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness," an aesthetic masterpiece that is deeply tainted by racism, something nobody seemed to notice for 80 years until the great African writer Chinua Achebe pointed it out.

Other (white male) critics have since mounted a defense of the novel. Conrad's description of cannibalism in the Congo is validated by the contemporaneous observations of an African-American sociologist; "Heart of Darkness" is a pointed critique of the imperialist lie; the Europeans in the novel are on the whole much worse than the cannibalistic Africans; Conrad's Marlow is an unreliable narrator and thus we are to take his comments with a grain of salt. All of this is true, but it avoids the basic problem, which is that the book continually links "savagery" to "blackness."

In teaching "Heart of Darkness," I always have tried to show both its merits and its flaws. I haven't seen the University Theatre's production of "The Merchant of Venice," and have no plans to do so, but I would hope the play's economic anti-Semitism is at the very least discussed in the program notes. Properly contextualized, such works provide excellent tools for the study of racism and anti-Semitism. We should not assume, however, that these works can "teach themselves." If anything, their technical brilliance makes them even more dangerous, as we are swept away by the beauty and authority of the language itself.

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If you want a child who is your clone, do you have the right to contribute 100 percent of the DNA to the child instead of the usual 50 percent?

Before anyone gets their panties in a wad about "playing God," let's consider some of the legal issues about genetic science that have been brewing far longer than cloning.

Do we have proprietary rights of our own DNA sequence? If you have a really neat gene, like the one that seems to protect against HIV infection, can you sell it? Biotech companies patent DNA sequences. Should you be able to?

Does the right to privacy include the right to privacy about one's DNA sequence? The military has been taking DNA samples from soldiers for years, not to clone a better soldier, but to use DNA analysis to identify remains if the soldier's distinguishing characteristics have been blown away.

Should an insurance company be allowed to test you for genetic diseases before they insure you, like many companies now screen people for AIDS, heart disease or cancer? An insurance company could analyze DNA for latent genetic diseases. A test for breast cancer predisposition is in the pipeline. A test for the gene for Huntington's disease exists now.

Many issues surrounding the use and misuse of genetic technology are important. Consider them. Don't get caught up in the furor around cloning, because it's only one issue among many.

T.K. Kenyon is a member of the UI Writers' Workshop and a UI biology instructor.

ITC monitors are not there to police porn

To the Editor: Pornography and the Internet have become a very controversial combination. It seems only logical that this debate would spread from the rest of the world to the computer labs operated by the UI.

Jessica Shoemaker's editorial on these topics in your March 7 Daily Iowan makes many interesting points. However, it seems to me that she underestimates the difficulty in controlling the use of the computers in a lab setting.

I have been employed in the ITCs for almost a year. I have dealt with a variety of problems. Pornography has been a very small issue in my time working in the labs. I have heard no one complain about others viewing pornography while I have worked and I have seen only one or two instances in which people were using ITCs for viewing pornography.

Shoemaker contends that the simple presence of pornography in an area in which she attempts to do homework makes concentration difficult. I pose this question: If you are annoyed by the images on another computer screen, why look at it? You are not in the lab to look at what other people are doing, you are there to do homework. It is a simple task to ignore others, complete your work and leave when you are done.

Shoemaker fails also to realize the difficulty in enforcing policies regarding obscene materials in the ITCs. What I may find offensive may be perfectly acceptable to others and vice versa. I would have a difficult time walking around the labs and determining what is and what is not acceptable.

In this age of high-tech computing, there will be some misuse of the power of these machines. However, instead of turning the computer lab into a police state, each one of us should concentrate on completing our own tasks before cracking down on the activities of others.

Dan Davis, UI sophomore

Ethics of cloning are clear

To the Editor: While cloning definitely is a big deal scientifically, it should not be a big deal ethically. Cloning is just another method of giving birth. Period.

While genetic characteristics such as height, hair color or sexual orientation

may mirror the original, the thoughts and ideas of a clone will not. They are unique to each person. We have nothing to fear. I think one day we will look back and laugh at what all the fuss was about.

Bill Stosine, Iowa City resident

Drinking club article sent wrong message about alcohol

To the Editor: The Feb. 20 edition of The Daily Iowan carried a front-page article and a graphic highlighting a drinking club ("Group converse over slew of brew"). This gives readers the impression of tacit support and approval of alcohol as the drug of choice for many occasions.

Traumatic injury is the leading cause of death between birth and age 44 in the United States. Every year there are 50,000 automobile collision deaths each year. One half of these events involved drivers who were using alcohol. Eighty percent of those drinking drivers were found to be legally drunk at the time of the event.

Alcohol contributes heavily also to traumatic injury and burns in the workplace and home. Alcohol use is a contributing factor linked with interpersonal violence and suicide as well. Yearly societal costs are estimated at \$116.7 billion and 60,000 deaths.

Once an injury has occurred, alcohol use increases the risk of serious complications and death among trauma victims. These risks are 1.7 to two times higher among intoxicated accident victims than among sober victims of similar accidents.

People who survive traumatic injury are affected for life. Even when no physical disability persists, anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder occur with disturbing frequency and have devastating implications for these individuals.

Andrew St. Clair, UI junior

killed must bear these personal familial and economic burdens as well.

As trauma surgeons we strongly feel that prevention of injury is far better than treatment of the injured. We, therefore, strongly support the efforts to control and to deglamorize the consumption of alcohol and other drugs.

G.P. Kealey, M.D., Professor, Director of Burn Treatment Center and Trauma Services, UI Hospitals and Clinics

Carol Scott-Conner, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Head of Surgery, UIHC

Gould should not have dismissed alternatives

To the Editor: Stephen Jay Gould's lecture Wednesday entertainingly pointed out several overlooked ties between art and science. However, simply filled with obscure facts, his talk seemed lacking any profound thesis or catharsis (which one should expect considering his large fee).

Gould cited scientist's fear of being wrong and embarrassed as a brake on progress. Having dubbed it problematic, I had hoped that as a leader in his field, he might dare to leap at something that might actually change things.

Gould not only stopped short of progressing, but even gave a dogmatic knee-jerk reaction to the out-on-a-limb Gaia hypothesis, which has interesting merits, calling it "claptrap." James Lovelock, co-creator and a spokesperson of the Gaia hypothesis, repeatedly states in "The Ages of Gaia" that the importance of any idea is to inspire new research by providing a new perspective. Lovelock himself questions his correctness, but answers that what matters most when viewing the Earth as one being is that we can see useful and hazardous relationships between the living and non-living where before we saw no possibility of them.

If Professor Gould could have this in mind, I am sure he would not be so quick to call other theories "claptrap."

Andrew St. Clair, UI junior

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Mexican officials' bank accounts under suspicion

By Terri Langford
Associated Press

HOUSTON — At first glance, Texas Commerce Bank account No. 08100355370 seems unremarkable. Its healthy balance of \$9,041,598 is nothing special in Houston, where millionaires are plentiful.

But this single account and its owner could blow wide open a corruption scandal simmering in Mexico and further damage the United States' drug-fighting partnership with its southern neighbor.

The account belongs to Mario Ruiz Massieu, once Mexico's top drug prosecutor, who now is named in allegations that top Mexican officials were paid to protect drug cartels.

U.S. prosecutors go to court this week to prove that Ruiz Massieu's nest egg, fed in six-figure deposits over 13 months, was not the result of shrewd stock picks or a lucky real estate deal.

The money, they say, came from Mexico's leading drug traffickers, who wanted unfettered routes to

get drugs into the United States and their profits back into Mexico. If they can convince six federal jurors, U.S. taxpayers will be \$9 million richer, thanks to federal asset forfeiture laws.

In Mexico, this is more than some mere cash forfeiture trial; it has exploded into a kind of Mexican Watergate.

This is what has happened in public view: In 1993, then-President Carlos Salinas de Gotari appointed Mario Ruiz Massieu deputy attorney general, with a primary goal of cracking down on drug traffickers.

In 1994, assassins killed Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu — the prosecutor's older brother and the No. 2 man in the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party — and Luis Donaldo Colosio, then the party's presidential candidate, within six months of each other.

Despite convictions in both deaths, questions remain unanswered as to whether the murders were motivated by political struggles within the ruling party or

linked to drug trafficking — or both.

At the request of incoming President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon, Mario Ruiz Massieu investigated his own brother's murder. But in November 1994, he resigned abruptly from his post and the party, claiming that high-ranking party members were sabotaging his efforts.

Behind all the political machinations, however, something else entirely appears to have been going

on, according to court documents:

For 13 months beginning Dec. 2, 1993, Ruiz Massieu's top aide ferried cash-filled boxes and suitcases to Houston, where the money — often in bundles of \$20 bills tied with rubber-bands or wrapped in plastic tape — was deposited at a branch office of Texas Commerce Bank near The Galleria shopping area.

Ruiz Massieu now is under house arrest in New Jersey, awaiting a deportation hearing in May.



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Sadalia Sturgill mops the water from the bare floor from the sanctuary of the Lebanon Junction First Baptist Church on Sunday in Lebanon Junction, Ky.

Violent act of God spurs faith in church

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

FALMOUTH, Ky. — Inside the Falmouth United Methodist Church, a solitary man shoveled out mud alongside a toppled wooden cross.

A few blocks away at the Falmouth Christian Church, red hymn books propped open windows so the soggy walls could dry.

Nearby, the Trinity Baptist Church was a muck-covered shambles, its organ and pulpit washed away and its pews in pieces.

In a town devastated by an act of God, flood victims still found a way to seek spiritual shelter Sunday. They gathered on high ground in the only spared church to give thanks that they survived, even if their homes didn't.

"We're going to get it back again. We're not going to give up," said Mary Hillenmeyer, 31, the fifth generation to work at her family's flooded funeral home.

At the Wesleyan Community Church on the edge of town, more than 100 worshippers attended the multidominational, "come as you are" service — some wearing borrowed suits and dresses, but many in jeans and muddy boots.

Holding their heads high in the face of disaster, the congregation sang "Count Your Blessings" and "God Will Take Care of You."

When last weekend's flooding of the Ohio River and its tributaries filled this town of 2,700 to its rooftops, most could only escape with the clothes on their backs.

With waters receding from the Licking River, townspeople trickled back in the last few days to see some of their houses tossed like toys, others badly warped and everywhere an ankle-deep goo. Four people were found drowned in their trailers and others are still missing.

In Lebanon Junction, where floodwaters from the Rolling Fork River had risen to the second story of some homes, a foot of water was still draining from the First Baptist Church. Its congregation gathered at a Methodist church a few blocks away.

"Not only do I not have my house. I don't have my church," said Vanessa Nicklies, wiping away tears. "But it's OK. The Lord won't give me anything I can't handle."

Deacon K.C. Fehl began the service with announcements that volunteers are still needed to clean out homes, "and I might add a church."

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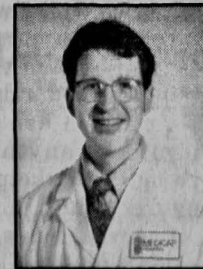
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calls for action against the apparent thievery have come from all over the world, from labor organizations.

the secretary of Ecuador's Bishops' Conference of the Roman Catholic Church said those responsible should pay with the full weight of the law. "Those who have damaged the nation, a people sunken in misery, should not go unpunished," said signor Antonio Arregui said. "But some fear the new government really will not take the investigation seriously."

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WEST

(1) Kentucky 29-4
(16) Montana 21-10
(8) Iowa 21-9
(9) Virginia 18-12
(5) Boston Col. 21-8
(12) Valparaiso 24-6
(4) St. Joseph's 24-6
(13) Pacific 23-5
(6) Stanford 20-7
(11) Oklahoma 19-10
(3) Wake Forest 23-6
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(7) N.C. Charlotte 21-8
(10) Georgetown 20-9
(2) Utah 26-3
(15) Navy 20-8

Salt Lake City
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(1) Minnesota 23-7
(16) SW Texas St. 16-12
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(5) Tulsa 23-9
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March 20 & 22

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North Carolina 24-6 (1)
Fairfield 11-18 (16)
Indiana 22-10 (8)
Colorado 21-9 (9)
California 21-8 (5)
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