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Abortion and Miscarriage Form

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UI students apathetic to city politics

UI graduate student John Johnson is taking a relatively class in today's primary for City Council. With today's primary for City Council being the only one where students can vote, Johnson said he was thinking about the future of the city when he decided to run.

Johnson said he was inspired by the City Council's work on affordable housing and sustainable energy policies, which he believes are important issues for the city's future.

"I really believe in the work that the City Council is doing," Johnson said. "I think it's important for people to be involved in local politics, and I think it's important to have a diverse range of voices on the City Council."
DENVER - The creator and executive producer of "Murphy Brown" said he wants the show to return to its original 8:30 p.m. time slot.

"Maybe it's time to put the 'e' back in PEOPLE," said Phil Hartman, who created the show.

Hartman, who was killed last year in a shooting at LAX, also said that the show's role in the current social and political climate was important and that the show contributed to the tragedy.

The former wife of Prince Andrew said, "I'm just very happy and loving all for her girl-next-door and roles in the '40s and '50s."

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Recruiters flock to shop for UI seniors

More and more companies are coming to the Iowa City to recruit UI students.

By John Russell

UI seniors are having their biggest opportunity yet in the job market. A record number of job recruiters have made plans to stop on the UI campus this week to talk with students about their jobs.

"The labor market is great," said UI student employment assistant Steven Wendt. "It's a great way for UI students to start looking for a job as they head into the workforce after graduation.

"The UI student employment office estimated that a total of 110 recruiters are scheduled to make stops at the UI campus this week. "This number is up 30 from last year," said Mr. Wendt. "That number changes daily," said another UI student employment assistant.

"We have companies calling us every day to make appointments," said Mr. Wendt. "This year, we've been trying to set up appointments to increase the UI's visibility to employers. They have established a network of web sites, www.his.niui.edu/placement/saturday, and offer a calendar of activities like the career center has been using to recruit students to its various employers.

"The UI is pleased with its recruiting activity with its reputation and size. DuBoe said. "The number of students is a lever because they can talk with employers about their strong candidates at the UI," she said. "The UI's increased use of technology in the recruitment process has also spurred more recruiting to come from companies. "Employers are looking for problem solvers and students who can communicate well," DuBoe said. "Our students know how to use technology, but they don't know how to use our campus."}

"Our skills are attracting major corporations such as MCI, Sprint, and the Principal Financial Group." MCI is looking for students with management experience, said Mr. Wendt. "MCI has asked for UI students to join their graduate program.

"UI is a good recruiting source," said another UI student employment assistant. "Most companies who visit the UI have open houses where recruiters give presentations about their companies. Then students find out more and are able to meet with representatives prior to graduation." and several other schools, students may pay more for the placement fee, which includes the fee for the placement fee, and the fee for the placement fee.

"The fee for career workshops is $12 per year, but in other schools she has to pay as much as $55. There is also a $20 charge for a resume database, which helps students create an online resume database.

Legal Matters & Calendar

Police

Police Sgt. Thomas, 41, 2,028 Police, was charged with a disorderly assault on 16 November 9, at 8:57 a.m. at the University of Iowa. Mr. Wendt said the charge has been dropped.

"We're not sure if this will have an impact on the UI's recruiting efforts," said Mr. Wendt.

"The UI's recruiting efforts have also been affected by the Nyquist Hearing on Oct. 5, 12, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the UI Memorial Union. "This year, 1418 Dufoe, Oxford, has been set for Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. On Oct. 11, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the UI will be holding a "Leisure, Movement and Health," said Mr. Wendt.

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**E. coli attacks**

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**Introduction**

In an E. coli outbreak at a northeast Iowa high school, 23 students had sickness symptoms.

**Background**

Previous outbreaks of E. coli have been reported in the United States, with symptoms ranging from mild diarrhea to severe illness. E. coli is a type of bacteria that can cause foodborne illness if it contaminates food or water.

**Symptoms and diagnosis**

The symptoms of an E. coli outbreak include diarrhea, abdominal pain, fever, and nausea. Diagnosis is usually made through laboratory tests, which can identify E. coli in stool samples.

**Prevention and control**

To prevent E. coli outbreaks, it is important to maintain good personal hygiene, such as frequent handwashing, and to practice proper food safety practices, such as cooking meat to adequate temperatures.

**Conclusion**

It is important to continue monitoring for E. coli outbreaks to ensure public health.

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School chooses money over what matters

I think it's not true in this institution.

As far as discrimination, I don't think it's a real issue on this campus. The administration has been very active in the military and Ford has been very supportive. As such, it's not necessary to worry about payoffs or pressures from the administration.

And that something is the controversy concerning the military's role in hiring. This is a major issue, and it's one that deserves attention. The military is in part a profit-making business, and it's important to consider how this affects the university.

As much as the law school has traditionally been one of the most conservative institutions on campus, I think it's important to challenge the status quo. The law school has a responsibility to offer a liberal education, and it should not be afraid to do so. By partnering with the military, the law school is risking its mission and its future.

Therefore, the law school should consider what matters most. Is it the profits of the military or the mission of the law school? And what is the role of the law school in society? We need to consider these questions carefully.

Byron R. Brown

Screen questions to save UI's image

Perfect Anonymous. War.

If nothing is asked of us, nothing is given. If something is not given by us, we have nothing. And if we have nothing, we have nothing. If we have nothing, we have nothing. If we have nothing, we have nothing.

Therefore, we should not ask for anything. If we do not ask for anything, we have nothing. If we have nothing, we have nothing. If we have nothing, we have nothing. If we have nothing, we have nothing.

Why? Because the UI's haven't done us any favors. Before, they tried to do it for us, but it's not a good idea.

The West Pressure just kept on coming from this guy. Hence, I was affirmed in the affirmative. In the affirmative, I sometimes have to use my imagination. I was supposed to be informed the question that he wanted me to do the soundcheck of your first song. Someone was both violetrly and slightly annoyed at the nature of some of the questions that were asked. The question of drug use on the set of "The Dead" and "Barry Brown" did not come up. I would have been more in favor of it, but I have had no idea about the Rest. I was religion tradition common anonymous to save this in my travels in Asia. Instead, I started the letter, then wrote that he would give his speech, and then opened it up to questions from the floor, some of which were quite subjective.

Let's not make this as easy as it seems.

Letters to the Editor

Sanders knows the other side

To the editor: We have the 885 Environmental Activists, 

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Dr. Karel said the tapes of the 1996 coffees, which he had recently obtained from the government, contained "some revealing information that could help us identify the people involved." However, the nature of the evidence is confidential, Dr. Karel said, and the tapes could not be released without his permission.

"We can only offer the information that we obtained through the tapes," Dr. Karel said. "The government is under no obligation to release the tapes, and we are not in a position to compel them to do so."

Despite the government's refusal to release the tapes, Dr. Karel said he was confident that the information contained within was significant. "We have reason to believe that the tapes will provide important evidence that will help us understand the events surrounding the coffees," he said. "But we cannot release the information until we have confirmed that we have indeed obtained the tapes."
Israel releases Yassin after secret talks

Hamás leader returns to tumultuous welcome in Gaza, as part of a prisoner exchange.

By Laura King

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The spiritual leader of Hamas returned to a tumultuous welcome in Gaza today after he was released in a prisoner exchange.

Yassin, the founder of Hamas, arrived in Gaza today after he was freed in a deal with Israel. The Hamas leader was greeted with cheering and whistling by thousands of supporters.

On Monday, the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that a deal had been reached to release Yassin in exchange for 20 Palestinian prisoners. The deal was part of a broader agreement aimed at improving relations between Israel and Hamas.

Yassin, who had been serving a life sentence in Israeli prison, was released as part of the agreement. He was received by a crowd of supporters in the Gaza Strip, including Hamas officials and members of the Palestinian Authority.

The release of Yassin has been seen as a significant step forward in efforts to reduce tensions between Israel and Hamas. It has also been welcomed by the international community, which has called for a resumption of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Despite the welcome, however, tensions remain high in Gaza, with Hamas and Israel still at odds over a range of issues, including the status of Gaza and the rights of Palestinians to return to their homeland.

Yassin, who founded Hamas in the 1980s, has long been a controversial figure. He was arrested by Israeli authorities in 2002 and subsequently charged with terrorism. He was tried and convicted in absentia, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The release of Yassin has been widely seen as a setback for Israel's efforts to strengthen its security. It has also raised concerns about the possibility of renewed violence in the region.

In a speech to supporters in Gaza today, Yassin vowed to continue the fight against Israel, saying: "We will never accept the existence of Israel. We will never recognize its borders. We will never accept a two-state solution. We will never accept the occupation."
**Bears look to bench Mirer**

The Chicago Bears are one loss away from making franchise history. The last year a Bears' team started 6-7 was 1969.

By Rick Goss Associated Press

Ever since the Bears began their season with a 24-20 victory over the Minnesota Vikings, they've been talking about winning their next two games at Detroit and Cleveland to become the first NFL team ever to win seven games after losing six.

But that's easier said than done.

"This is the week to make a statement," Bears coach Mike Ditka said. "We play in Detroit this week. That's the biggest game of the year for us.

"You're not a good team if you don't win these next two games. If we lose, our season is over."
Football/Broncos are NFL's only unbeaten team

AWARDS

Dave receives Young

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BASEBALL

Vander Meer dead at 86

Vander Meer was a Hall of Fame pitcher for 16 years and a National League and American League all-star in 1957 for the Reds. He pitched 26 seasons in the majors and got his first winner for his hometown of Syosset, N.Y., in 1942. He retired at the end of the 1965 season.

WRESTLING

Pillman found dead in bed

Pillman was a former WWE star who wrestled for several years. He was found in his bed on Monday morning with no apparent injuries.

Oriole

Baltimore Orioles announce that they have signed outfielder Adam Jones to a new contract. The contract is for five years and worth $75 million. Jones was the team's leadoff hitter last year and batted .285 with 17 home runs and 71 RBIs.

The Daily Joun

On The Line

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GOOD LUCK!
Orioles win behind team effort

Baltimore (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles won the last two games of their series against the Boston Red Sox with help from their youngsters. Rookie pitcher Johnstock Jones got the win in the series finale, and third baseman Derrek Thomas hit a game-winning home run in the ninth inning.

The Orioles (49-76) were set to play the Seattle Mariners in their next series, hoping to continue their recent success.

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The Atlanta Braves and Florida Marlins look like a best-of-seven pitching duel tonight.

The Braves' pitching staff has been one of the best in the majors, led by rookie closer Johnstock Jones. The Marlins, on the other hand, have struggled all season long, and their starting rotation has been inconsistent.

The game is set for 7:05 PM EST at Turner Field in Atlanta, and fans are excited for what could be a thrilling battle between two of the best teams in the National League East.

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The Florida pitcher Kevin Brown worked out during practice for the National League Championship Series against the Atlanta Braves.

Brown has been one of the best pitchers in the league this season, leading the majors in wins (16) and strikeouts (240). He will be opposed by Braves starting pitcher Johnstock Jones, who has also been outstanding this year.

The game is set for 3:05 PM EST at Turner Field in Atlanta, and fans are anticipating a high-stakes thriller.

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Indians/Prevented New York repeat

Cleveland's Terry Francona has been in the driver's seat for much of the season, leading his team to a 94-70 record and a Division title.

However, the Indians fell short in the playoffs, losing to the New York Yankees in the World Series.

Francona was named Manager of the Year, but his team couldn't continue their regular season success into the postseason.

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The Bears made a major move in the free agency period, signing former Nationals pitcher Brad Klippenstein to a two-year contract.

Klippenstein had a solid career in Washington, but struggled with the New York Mets last season.

The Bears are hoping he can provide a boost to their starting rotation and help them compete for a division title.

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The Bears' coaching staff is planning to start the season with a high number of starters, with a focus on developing their young talent.

The goal is to have the team ready to compete by the end of the year.

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The Indians, who lost in the World Series by another New York team, are looking to gain revenge in 2014.

Head coach Terry Francona has been working hard to strengthen the team this offseason, adding several key pieces to the roster.

The Indians hope to use their home-field advantage to their advantage and finally pull off the championship they have been seeking for so long.

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The Bears have made several changes to their coaching staff, including the addition of Johnstock Jones as a pitching coach.

Jones has a strong track record in the minor leagues and is expected to help the team's pitchers improve.

The Bears are looking to make a deep run in the playoffs this year, and the addition of Jones is seen as a key piece to their success.

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The Indians' bullpen has been a major strength this season, led by closer Johnstock Jones.

Jones has been nearly untouchable, saving 34 games and recording a 1.09 ERA.

The Indians' pitching staff has been a major reason for their success, and Jones will be crucial in helping them win their first title in over a decade.
**Wirt/Flyers fall again**

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...The Devils are now up only 3-2 heading into tonight's nightcap between the Devils and Flyers. A win today would lock up the first Eastern Conference playoff spot... 

**NHL Trend**

**Dynasties are dead in today's NHL**

...And even perennial losers don't lose forever...

By Dave Goldberg

Associated Press

Bonomo was on his way to losing Tampa Bay, and had by nature of the teams' respective standings, been overlooked by the Flyers.

In other words, the all-time record of 5-2-0-0 would have been his for the taking.

Off to the side, you can see the Crease, where the Flyers have a 2-0 lead on the Devils with 9:47 remaining in the game.

You can see the Devils on the ice, where they are down 2-0 to the Flyers.

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**Industrial-strength tap**

The Australian dance-theatre troupe Tap Dogs begin performing at Hancher auditorium tonight at 8.

**ArtsEntertainment**

With the show opening tonight at Hancher Auditorium, Tap Dogs dancer Brian Burke says the group features "tap dancing for the '90s."

Melodie Munsam
The Daily Iowan

This is tap dancing Fred Astaire or Gene Kelly never would have imagined — spoke straight, a new-looked, even through routine.

The Australian-based Tap Dogs troupe is a perfect addition to this year's Music Festival. It is not an industrial, heavy metal version of tap dancing, but rather a more modern, more vivacious, more rhythmic basis.

The choreographer and creator of the show, Don Perry, was interested in keeping the dancers of the '90s in mind as tap dance became more of a music part than a show, which is why the choreography is so modern, reminiscent of '90s music.

The Tap Dogs are a seven-member group that has been touring the world since 1996. They have performed in over 400 cities in 25 countries and have performed for the Queen of England.

The show is divided into three parts: "The First Part," "The Second Part," and "The Third Part." Each part is a different story, but all three parts are connected.

The show features a dynamic mix of tap dancing, singing, and story-telling. The performers use a variety of taps and rhythms to create an exciting and entertaining show.

The Tap Dogs' music features a lot of rhythm and is perfect for modern audiences. The performers use their feet to create music, which is something that has never been done before.

The show is not just for tap dance enthusiasts, but for anyone who enjoys a good story and some great entertainment.
STUDENTS IN SPACE
Going from Campus to the Final Frontier
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If you’re one of the 6,421 students who attend Harvard U., you might as well wrap your lips around a pack of cancer sticks, throw out the sunscreen and make “food,” your new favorite food group. Eat according to a recent study, living long just ain’t your destiny. So read the story. Then maybe think about terminating.

Need a little inspiration? Take a peek at this month’s 45 Minutes which chronicles a young Gotcher College student’s rise from bumbling freshman to six-figure makin’ novelist. And then when you get depressed because you’re still making pizzas at $3.50 an hour — well, keep reading, because you’ll soon learn the Golden Gate Bridge is not the place to end your misery. And why end it at all? It could always be worse. You could be one of the yahoos whose tasteless take on ebodics spurred this month’s U. Lose.

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How’s this for an intro? Sex, sex and more sex. Now start flipping those pages. You know you want it... um, the story. We need you want the story.

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Hey you, the lone soul pawning your pockets to finance your education. That’s right, you. Get the dirt on getting the government to recognize you for the independent student you are. Then learn how similar that task is to climbing up the side of a mountain with rollerblades on your feet and your arms strung bewildered behind your back.

COVER STORY
Making Contact
Maybe you’ve never met Gary Guto, but you can still hitch a ride on the Great Space Coaster. Take a small step for students and a giant leap for the Getruckand and read about some of the greatest space efforts on Earth. They’ll take you to another world. Just remember that oxygen is limited, so be heavy breathing.

Rock
The latest from Everclear, a toe-nail-breaking Pocket Band and the U. radio chart.

Reel
Get the Gotta Watch it, some Devil’s Advocate ditties and the long and short of Boogie Nights.

Scottish Invasion
Great Scott! U. gets international in an interview with Glenn McGregor, the newest Scottish try to wash up on our shores since... well, since the last time he was here.
EARTH ANGEL
Ohio State U.
Some people are eccentric, some peculiar, some goofy. Others are just plain weird. In the middle of July, at 3:27 a.m., Ohio State police found a man spread-eagled on a permanent glass display at a local campus center. The man explained that he was making snow angels on the display. Mind you, there’s no snow in this display. Now we all know the full snow angels can have. He told police it had been years since he’d made snow angels, and he, indeed, could not resist. His logic? Well, he was a taxpayer, and he thought that made snow angels on a glass display in the middle of the night "okay." At least he wasn’t naked. See? Just plain weird.

BRUTAL HONESTY
U. of New Mexico
UNM police officer Victor Hernandez will know not to be so literal next time. While observing a woman kerplunk similarly through a UNM parking garage, Hernandez asked the loopy pedestrian to empty her pockets. The woman matter-of-factly pulled out two pipes, neither of the cornbread variety. Hernandez, forever the polite policeman, gave the genuinely gungy girl an opportunity to explain her actions, asking her, "What are these?" The woman, not one to mince words, said, "They’re crack pipes, stupid." Birth control chemicals excreted in urine, then passed into the water. As far as further fish research goes? Well, that depends on future endowments. The researchers’... and the fishes.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN
Cornell U.
Cornell scientists appear to have considerably too much time on their hands. Or on their fingers at least. Apparently just because they can, Cornell engineering profs (who else?) have constructed the world’s smallest guitar, a 10-micrometer-long piece of minuscule metallic string. And they say they could conceivably make the guitar even smaller. The guitar does indeed have six strings, but they don’t make a sound. Can’t somebody develop one of these for Bush?

LOOK AT THAT GUITAR, THAT'S HOUSE.

PIZZA PIE LIE
Northwestern U.
When Northwestern groom in Student Government Association officials for politics, it doesn’t mean around. Stacy Archfield, president of SGA, is in point. Archfield gained her presidential position with an unprecedented campaign promise: pizza.

COKE IS IT
U. of Maryland
So that’s why the lines are always so long outside vending machines. Assorted students at the U. of Maryland have discovered (at least in their own minds) that some Coca-Cola vending machines are delivering submininal sex messages. According to these imaginative students, the silhouettes of two naked women can be seen on the machines. One is lying naked on top of the Coke can, another is seductively spread beneath the can. Coke, to its credit, kept a straight face when announcing, "Coca-Cola does not participate in subliminal advertising." Of course, they could just be part of the conspiracy.

LIGHT MY FIRE
U. of Iowa
Even though the show is being canceled, it’s somewhat comforting to know that Boris and Bunhead are alive, well and living in Iowa City. Four Iowa City men, including two U. of Iowa students, were arrested in July for arsenic. The men, sitting in their apartments, found an empty computer box and displayed their manly nubility by destroying it and then setting it on fire. Ah, but their persecutors urged were still unassuaged. They extinguished the box and threw it off a first-floor balcony. Then they raced downtown, lit it on fire again and threw away the remains. If you’d like a visual aid for this story, pick up a science textbook and look at the evolutionary chart. These guys are the second, third, fourth and fifth from the left.

LEFTY LOOSEY, RIGHTY TIGHTY
U. of California, Davis
Soon, you won’t even be able to make your goofy way they write. Young emeritus near Mike Rose, a student at UC Davis, is suffered through years of oppugnacious handedness. Davis, scion, scion of scions...is designed by and for right-handed folk. To no longer will Rose and his ilk be shown it out. He started the Lefties Educational Association, an official student organzization at UC Davis. They set up a booth on campus, commissioning fellow left-handed sign their name to the cause. They split a funny way, of course.

BUGGIN’ LOVIN’
U. of Colorado, Boulder
Save the whales! Protect the pandas! Safeguard the skaters! Yup, you heard it right. The PC population at Boulder have taken up another valiant cause: the Anti appsyn, more commonly known as a "bogus" mammal in a cadaver.

ABDUCTEES ANONYMOUS
Kansan U.
If you still haven’t quite gotten over that abduction and uncomfortable, um, inspection, Stephanie Kelley wants to help. The Kansas doctoral student is studying why people report alien abductions and what that says about us and our society. To her, someone claiming to have been visited by aliens is a thinly veiled cry for help. "There are a lot of people, and it’s a small planet, so people need to feel special," she says, implying the "abductees" are actually screaming for attention from a cruel, unfailing world. Yeah, easy for her to say. She’s never been probed.

ROLLING THUNDER
U. of Kentucky
When Kentucky senior Rushiel Ruwaim went out looking for a taste of the high-life last summer, he didn’t expect the flavor to last quite so long. Accompanied by 13 other thrill seekers, Ruwaim buckled down and behind to Kentucky Kingdom’s T2 roller coaster. His hope? To ride the ride and touch the sky. But what he and the rest of the riders got was suspended in midair for nearly five hours with only 75 feet of thin oxygen between their dangling feet and the ground when the coaster came to a sudden and mysterious halt at the top of the first hill. Luckily, the town’s friendly firefighters pounced on the scene and brought the scared passengers down without a problem. After all, "Ready cans are nothing new to them."

THE BUZZ

- Nevermind going through campus a义务教育 Ford each year — white
- Pick of that (Higher Education) majors and degrees start out majoring
- The Ohio State leadership from the student council. The college of graduate and Educational Rights
- The school will not consider the team in athletics. The students earned a second place in men’s basketball (52 percent) and 1st place, with only

- "They’re crack pipes. Stupid."

- "I wish I hadn’t eaten those burritos."

- "I am the luckiest guy in the world."
Live Long and Prosper

FORGET ABOUT EATING RIGHT AND EXERCISING. IT SEEMS the best way to live a long, healthy life is simply to go to Harvard U.

Two long-running studies that have been tracking alumni from the classes of 1920 through 1954 are showing that these grads live longer, healthier lives than the general population.

"Maybe all that time in the library will pay off," says Harvard senior Dan Wexler. If the study's predictions come true, it will.

One study predicts that more than half the participants will live past 80 and still have active lives.

What do students at rival Yale U. have to say about this?

"I wish I would've gone to Harvard," says Yale med student Kent Hurston. But Harvard psychologist Douglas Powell says Hurston should have no regrets. "It has nothing to do with going to Harvard," he says. "It has to do with the people that [schools like] Harvard, Stanford and Yale pick."

He may be on to something, sort of — researchers say how much education a person has strongly correlates to good health. "Nature is not democratic," Powell says. "People who tend to be brighter tend to last longer physically."

Maybe so, but some students say people at Harvard are way too stressed out to be so healthy. "People on the East Coast smoke like crazy," says Yale med student Rick Torres. "Probably the healthiest people would be in Colorado because they always exercise. But they do drink beer, and that'll probably kill their lives."

Believe it or not, some Harvard students just aren't buying into the studies' results. "I don't know if I'll outlive the general population," says Harvard senior Nicole Rogers. "I think I'll leave it up to the fates."

By Laura قدب, U. of Oregon/ Illustration by John Murphy, East Carolina U., N.C.

THE BUZZ

• Revered chafed thighs and calloused hands, students who puzzle through campus are finding another threat. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, more than 50,000 bikes are being reported stolen each year — while theft in general has been on the decline.

• Sick of that Chem 101 class already? You're not alone. The Chronicle of Higher Education released a study that found science, math and engineering majors are dropping out in record numbers. About 44 percent of students who start out majoring in these fields change majors, the study found.

• The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that Miami U., Ohio, must honor a request from the student newspaper to turn over records from campus disciplinary proceedings. The court says documents from judicial board proceedings are not considered educational records and therefore aren't protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, also known as the Buckley Amendment. The school will not appeal the decision.

• Athletics in NCAA Division I sports are graduating at a slightly higher rate than other students, a NCAA study reports. From 1990 to 1996, 58 percent of athletes graduated within six years, compared with 55 percent of other students. The study shows women outnumbered men — more female than male athletes earned a degree within six years. But high-revenue sports like football and men's basketball didn't fare as well — the rate for football players dropped to 32 percent; and . for the seventh year in a row, the rate for men's basketball players fell, with only 45 percent making it out within six years.

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A Happy Ending

S O WHAT WAS YOUR BIG ACHIEVEMENT freshman year? Going 10 consecutive weeks without clean laundry? Memorizing the telephone number of every 24-hour pizza-delivery joint within a 5-mile radius? Or getting a 4.0? (Hey, blood-alcohol levels don't count.)

Whatever your accomplishment, it's probably no match for Jenn Crowell. At a 17-year-old to enter Goucher College, Md., Crowell wrote *Necessary Madness*, a novel about a grieving widow who, after losing her British-artist husband to cancer, raises her 8-year-old son.

Amazing! You haven't heard anything yet. The idea came to her at age 13. She wrote the book the summer before college. And, three weeks before her 18th birthday, Putnam Publications bought the story. Soon after, Sony Entertainment bought the film rights, and book clubs and bookstores lined up around the country to get their hands on Crowell. As you can imagine, she's pretty level-headed.

And to prove it:
"I procrastinate on my papers like any other one does." 

By Lynda Twardowski, Assistant Editor Photo courtesy of Putnam Publications

For children growing up in San Francisco Bay Area, Mom's answer to "but all my friends are doing it," has always been "If all your friends jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge, would you do that, too?"

Since its completion in 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge has been universally recognized as the Bay Area's most glamorous place to off oneself. As a result, more than 1,200 people have disembarked from this cruel world by leaping off the bridge's signature International Orange deck and into the swirling waters of the bay 230 feet below. But this may soon change.

Thanks to a team of engineering students at the U. of California, Berkeley, lemming-like adolescents will just have to learn to deal with the iniquities of this cruel world. Under the sponsorship of Berkeley professor Larry Wallack and Tom Novosny, Cal students Casey Brownen, Lori Dunn and Wali Aldrich have designed a "suicide barrier" for San Francisco's most famous landmark.

What exactly is a suicide barrier? It's a big net! An electrified energy field! Are trackpools involved! Well, not quite.

"What we proposed is basically a fence," co-designer Aldrich says. "What a fence does is keep people from climbing over and jumping off."

There's a big difference, however, between this fence and the wooden plank dealie that Tom Sawyer bamboozled the local boys into whitewashing.

The barrier was designed to weather the Golden Gate's 70-m.p.h. winds, withstand vandalism and be nearly impossible to scale. Vertical stainless steel rods roughly 10 feet high are topped with an 11-inch-wide copper cylinder. The cylindrical shape is doubly effective. It's difficult to grab hold of; it reduces wind shear.

"To break a hole in it, you would have to bring out some sizable bolt cutters," Brownen says. "I guess you could use a hack saw too, but that sure would take awhile."

Yellow-bellied Journalism

T HERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN TASTLESS HUMOR and satire, but in the case of the Cornell Review, it's as obvious as black and white.

On April 17, the *Review* staff offered its "helpful" list of translations for classes available through Cornell's Africans Studies and Research Center — in ebonics.

"Da white man be evil an he tryin to keep da brotherman down," says Leslie Alexander, a grad student at the university, who, like hundreds of other students, was incensed by the editorial.

And when Cornell administrators failed to take a stand on the issue, and the Review refused to apologize? Alexander and more than 200 other students blocked access to campus for more than five hours and burned copies of the Review.

"It's a sanctified campus," says Larry Reason, a junior at Cornell. "The editors of the Review should have realized it's a sensitive subject — just like an article like this would cause upset — especially in a community that feels much work on race relations."

The Review's editors could not be reached for comment but said in a May issue that they didn't attack the Africans Center but instead poked fun at the "propaganda idea of ebonics." The editors claim they were trying to ease racial tensions and promote racial harmony on campus.

Few buy into that defense. James Turner, director of the Africans Center, says there was no case of racial tensions or white students making racial remarks on the *Review*.

By Jen Seva, Penn State U.

Look Before You Leap

S T E V E KOWALSKI wanted to try new things, to attend parties, went to 800 numbers, but he also wanted to go to sex education course.

"I thought there would be tons of exes in the class, and I thought it would be like a book about sex with them," the B GEN SUCU sophomore says. "I thought I'd actually learn something."

Feedback like Kowalski's isn't unique; hundreds of sexuality and gender studies classes are making their way around the country, college students finding out there's more to the biology of G-spot and G-spots.

Howard J. Rupple, an adjunct professor of sexuality at the U. of Iowa, says dozens of students have told him his classes have helped.

The Space Change in the Couch might be nuthin' but money for most students, but for others, counting every penny will be the only way they can afford to pay for college or for students whose parents helping them foot the bill. Many parents often don't add up their expenses in the financial aid office but there's a way to make the financial aid office that's isn't legally independent.

It is said to be a piece of cake at banks and financial aid based student's income, but in 1992, Goucher College licensed the Higher Education Act and independent status seem to be the secret to giving aid. Now, to attract the private institution students must meet one of the two criteria: be born before Jan. 1, 1974, or a graduate or professional program; a ward of the court, or legally dependent.

Do you meet those requirements? Or are you like a lot of you, don't?

Pamela, a junior in architecture at Karate State U., says his $6,000 in debt will be paid off with grants and loans and the $90,000 from financial aid.

By Roger Elber, U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign — Reporter

The Barbarian

R eading the following bold-faced title: who wouldn't think it is a smart guy even though he had Speed 2.

And Bucky Bickley — U. of Georgia — feels a little bit of pain when he reads the following title: You're the Bitch, His Dad's a Fly, 64 on Push, a Legendary Center for the Goons.

By Jerry Levine, George Washington University and full of French foreign-words.
A Physical Education

STEVE KOWALSKI WANTED TO MEET GIRLS. He tried parties, went to bars, even considered 900 numbers, but he wound up in a human sexuality course.

"I thought there would be tons of girls at the bars, and I thought it would be cool to talk about sex with them," the Bowling Green State U. sophomore says. "I didn't think I'd actually learn as much as I did."

Feedback like Kowalski's isn't uncommon. Hundreds of sexuality and gender classes are making their way onto college campuses this semester, college students reporting they are finding out there's more to the dirty deed than just G-strings and G-spots.

Hannel J. Ruppel, an adjunct professor of human sexuality at the U. of Iowa, says dozens of seniors have told him his classes have helped them look at sex as something that can be studied and researched, not just performed.

Like many professors teaching sexuality, Ruppel pushes his students to explore sexual issues as they pertain to life outside the bedroom.

Ruppel on parenting: "Children need to be taught about sex gradually rather than during "the big talk" from a parent. Parents shouldn't make up funny words for body parts. Don't call it a "thingy" — call it a penis."

Ruppel on teaching: "In the occupational world, what does Mrs. Thompson do when little Johnny won't stop playing with his penis when he's been told repeatedly not to? Those are the types of questions I try to answer for my students."

Apparently, the answers are the right ones. Sexually enlightened students everywhere are reporting satisfaction — and it isn't coming from the post-orgasm cigarette.

"I came away more knowledgeable about sex than I ever thought possible," says Derrick Schlegel, a '97 grad of the U. of Dayton. "I didn't only learn what to do, but what not to do. You can ask my girlfriend."

And that, folks, is what they mean by learning the hard way.

By Jack Buehner, Ohio State U. / Photo by Lisa Weity, U. of Minnesota

Students are getting schooled between the sheets.

New, d o l l a r s is plugging away as a cocktail waitress at a Las Vegas hotel and casino to save enough cash to head back to school. The good news is she's already been accepted at the U. of Nevada, Las Vegas; the bad news is she still can't afford the tuition.

While Neuhard struggles to pay her own way, other students with "special circumstances" gain indepent status through a dependent override.

"A financial adviser has the option of doing an override," says Lisa YL, associate director of student financial assistance at Kansas State U. "But dependent overrides are rare — given to people with very sad home situations."

Without that aid, students like Neuhard and Peterson will continue to make the decision of heavy-duty borrowing or dropping out.

"If it gets any worse, who knows? Maybe we'll have shotgun weddings simply for the sake of financial aid. Imagine that."

"With this ring, I do affirm my independent status."
UPON GRADUATION, MANY COLLEGE STUDENTS FIND THEY NEED TO escape from the rat race for a while, maybe head off into the wilderness or take a trip overseas. They need to get away. Far away.

But some students aren't content with just hopping on a plane and taking off to some earthly destination. Their eyes are focused on a more ambitious place.

Space. It's the final frontier, they say. But don't tell that to the many students across this great land who are looking to be the next John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, Sally Rides and George Jessenos (not to mention his boy Elroy). They're not sitting around waiting for opportunity to knock either; they're starting right now, with the help of some enterprising professors and good of NASA.

**U. OF MARS**

So what have you done in the last year? Maybe taken a few classes, gone to a few parties, slept in a little too much. We know how it goes.

Students and faculty at the U. of Arizona and Arizona State U. can claim somewhat more productive lives thus far (no offense). They played an irreplaceable role in NASA's Pathfinder mission to Mars.

At the U. of Arizona, lunar and planetary science professor Peter Smith spent four grueling years of his and his student associates' lives building the camera for the Pathfinder. That's right. All those pictures you saw gracing the cover of every magazine? Thank Smith and his student cohorts.

"I'm standing there in between the director of [NASA] jet propulsion lab — who's in charge of nearly a billion dollars of budget and 10,000 people — and the director of space science at NASA — who's in charge of three billion dollars of budget and God-knows how many people," Smith says. "And they're both looking at me like, 'This better work, Smith.' So you can imagine my relief when the first pictures came down."

Smith says he had between 20 and 30 students working for him up to 20 volunteers hours a week throughout the duration of the project. All the software for the camera was written at the U. of Arizona, and all the parts for the camera were built there. The massive project was truly a UA production.

The immensity of working on a project that allowed the world to see the surface of another planet for the first time was not lost on some student associates.

"It still hasn't sunk in yet," says Ric Zaller, a senior in computer engineering who hopes to work on an American space station. Zaller wrote a sophisticated software program for the camera that more mortals couldn't possibly understand. "I put so much work into it, you know, and it's amazing to really take a step back and appreciate how big this is."

Over at Arizona State U., geology professors Ronald Gelehy and Robert Sullivan — along with a random smattering of devouted, if underpaid, undergrads and grad students — developed a wind sock for the Pathfinder.

It's much like the wind socks you see at airports, except, of course, the um, gravity's a little different. It might seem somewhat simple (it does look like, well, a sock with a hole in it), but hey, when's the last time you put something on Mars?" The geology/physics students are really psyched that something they built downstairs in our shop is sitting on the surface of Mars right now," Sullivan says. "Those engineers at NASA work miracles. I give them a wind sock, next thing you know it's on the surface of Mars. How do they do that?"

**HOW DO THEY DO THAT?**

An eccentric group of Boston U. undergraduate surprised found themselves trying to find an answer to that very question.

It started innocently enough, with a few incoming BU freshmen arriving late to orientation and struggling to find a class that fit their schedule. Up popped AS 231, Astronomy From Space. Nosy freshmen that they were, they snapped it up in a second. The enrollment five.

"We got there and thought we were learning about stars and planets," says Jamie You, a BU sophomore and one of those wide-eyed freshmen. "We got there and the prof's like, 'Welcome to Rocket Science.' When I heard that, I thought, 'I should definitely not be here.'"

But she and the others stayed, partly because professor Supriya Chakrabarti said there would be no final exam. Instead, he pointed out NASA was taking proposals for a student launch project. The class assignment: Write a grant proposal for NASA to build a rocket. Each student wrote a five-page paper, Chakrabarti put them together and edited them and, poof, off it went to NASA in November. End of story.

Well, not quite.

Flash to spring break '97. The students came back to school and check their e-mail. A message comes across. They'd won. Coming in a month's $35,000 in funding to build a rocket.

"We were silent for a week and a half when we found out," says rocketman David Ngihien, the lone upperclassman of the group. "I think most of us were just walking around with our mouths open, thinking, 'How the hell did this happen?'"

The class project suddenly became a lifestyle for the quintet, who have to get this rocket (which, according to Ngihien, will measure radiation outside the atmosphere) ready to launch by next August. Easy peasy for Jim Lovell, but — and here's the kicker — none of these five are even astronomy majors. You're a music/psychology double major, and another is in communications.

"We're being helped out by the BU Astronomical Society, but I think they're just a little jealous, to say the least," You says. Of course, Chakrabarti is keeping its unforeseen windfall in perspective.

"Not everybody gets an R+," he re-iterates. "Class is class, you know hard-nosed." No kidding.

**SPACE CASES**

The BU, ASU and Arizona students are just a few of the many college students who have buzzed into the arena. Just ask Jeanne Cloud, third-year student at U. of Minnesota who will be working for NASA next year is its "thermal protection branch," whose job it be, um, protect thermostats, etc. It's a nice full-time job for the aerospace engineering major.

"I will be in space someday," Cloud says. "It's what I want to do."
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The charm of Everclear has always been how sincere the band seems. Singer/songwriter Art Alexakis consistently croons with undying conviction, as if he needs to sing to get him through life alive. This has saved the band many times when its music swayed toward the corny (Spangle and Faye’s “Heartpark Onion” sign seemed like an after-school special). But once again, sincerely has saved the day for Everclear. So much for the Afterglow, a somewhat darker but still optimistic and wistful outing. Once more, Alexakis sounds like a man who’s lived through a lot and has much to say about all of his experiences. The band’s music is madly catchy as usual, although there’s no “Santa Monica (Watch the World Die)” standout. The album isn’t groundbreaking, and there’s never any doubt you’re listening to Everclear. It’s more of the same, but with these enjoyable derivative gems, that’s just fine and dandy.

Various Artists

Crime Jazz: Music in the First Degree
Rhino Records

This collection of jazz songs used in television shows, movies, musicals and the like is a fine, no-frills romp through yesteryear. What’s amazing about this anthology is how well the music stands up on its own, away from the programs for which they were intended.

Stereolab
doels and loops
Elektra Records

Textural waves of chiming synthesizers, mild drum beats and hazy, polite vocals swelling up with the occasional al horn, make this album one of the most poetic escape mechanisms to come from your speakers. Ethereal even in mid-traffic rush hours.

Various Artists

Show & Tell: A Stereotypical Remembrance of TV Theme Songs
Which? Records

If there’s ever been a music that can be annoying in a good way, this is it. Sing along with some of pop’s best bands as they get loud and let the工作者 roll out on select favorite theme songs as “Get Smart” (“Agent Orange”), “Law and Order” (No Use For A Name) and “Cheers” (Felix Franx). But if you’ve been a really bad boy, check out an especially menacing version of the “Cops” theme by TMO.

Radio Radio

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Jonathan Fire Eater

They All Go Home
Dreamworks Records

We’re not sure if Jonathan Fire Eater is a band or a band, but it’s clear he/she/they rock.

There’s a certain Replacements sound to it (he/she/they shall now be dubbed and slightly by one and, one might say, new album They All Go Home),

He seems to greatly enjoy himself, but this makes you wonder if he/she/they are any better than past albums or if they’re just a bunch of poseurs.

It’s not that much of a compliment.

Moby

I Like to Score
Elektra Records

So Moby likes to score. Big deal. Don’t we all? Difference is, of course, that Moby’s quite good at it. He demonstrates that with his new album, I Like to Score, which is actually just a collection of his songs that have appeared in movies and on soundtracks.

At a time when techno is being promoted as the Next Big Thing, Moby makes fools of all the poseurs. There’s nothing superficial about his beats; they just rock through you.

The highlight of I Like to Score, surprisingly, is Moby’s thrilling version of the James Bond theme for the upcoming Tomorrow Never Dies. Unlike Adam Clayton and Larry Muller Jr.’s bombastic Mission: Impossible remix, this one packs a punch while still remaining true to the source, giving it a musicality otherwise not thought possible.

The future of music is not the overhyped (although talented) Prodigy. It’s Moby. Moby: building a bridge to the 21st century.

The Locusts

Scream and Shout — Big Box of ‘90s Soul
Rhino Records

Holy Hannah, banjo! And no kidding when they say “Big Box,” six fully-packed CDs make this collection some of the best grooves ever to hit the streets. Big things should be able to handle the mighty weight of Ole, the most prolific duo of Wilhelm and the most fantastic band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole, the most prolific band of all. Ole.

It’s not that much of a compliment.

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POCKET BAND

System of a Down
They seemed so nice in person.
When interviewing the four members of System of a Down, a wildly eccentric death metal/psychobilly band with a Middle Eastern sound (don’t ask), you can’t help but imagine what teasing the Marlons must be like. The four members, all of Armenian stock, just laughed with each other while telling their interviewer and up their best line while discussing how they beat every one.

Later that night, the very same band that makes fun of each other’s baby pictures whips up the pumped Whiskey-Add-Go to crowd into such a chaotic frenzy that three people on the fringes of the kingdom controllable pit are sent flying into a nearby table. Among the inebriated interviewer, now shaken, confused and more than a little scared.

“I hate it when System of a Down plays,” a boncer says, helping him up. “They drive this place nuts.”

People have noticed. After generating a dancing buzz in the past two years, System just signed a major-label deal with Universal. So although you probably haven’t heard of them yet, you will. Their live shows have guaranteed it.

“There’s certainly an air of intensity to our shows,” lead singer Serj Tankian says with an almost sheepish grin. He’s wearing a U. of Michigan basketball tank top and looks like he’s ready for a pickup game.

“This band is like our family, and doing this is what we love. But there’s nothing like being onstage. We’re pretty intense.”

The braided interviewer agrees.
Gattaca

Columbia/TriStar

With genetic engineering already a reality, it should come as no surprise that in this film, those crazy folks from the future are designing perfect people in a petri dish. So what's a born-the-old-fashioned-way guy to do? Ethan Hawke (Before Sunrise) plays a natural-born wanna-be astronaut who assumes the identity of a member of the genetic elite so he can travel to space with the Gattaca Aerospace Corp. But when a mission goes wrong, all perfect fingers point to him. Uma Thurman co-stars as a sci-fi belle.

Hood (Kevin Kline, Jr. & Out) is trying to bad his neighbor (Sigourney Weaver), but his wife (Joan Allen, Face/Off) is sick of his lies. Daughter Wendy (Christina Ricci, That Dem Cat) gets crazy with sex, drugs and her dad's mistress' kids. Throw in a wife-swapping lotto at a Thanksgiving cocktail party, and you've got hours of fun for the whole family!

Seven Years in Tibet

Stern/Tiber

The story follows the leader of the Tibetan monks who escapes an emotional transformation during two simultaneous visits in Tibet. The story of the Dalai Lama's life from his imprisonment in a POW camp to his relationship with the living Dalai Lama. Shot on location in Argentina and The Breakup. Sniffle, sniffle.

Devil's Advocate

Warner Bros.

Ready for an excellent adventure to hell? Kevin Spacey stars as an ambitious and talented young attorney who joins a big-time New York law firm headed by (who else?) the devil. Al Pacino co-stars, but in an unprecedent novel, he won't be playing a monster. Big Al decided that Lucifer the lawyer was more his speed.

SwitchBack

Paramount

FBJ agent Frank LaCroce (Dennis Quaid, Dragonheart) is after the serial killer who kidnapped his son. Could it be the one-armed man? No, but Jon Stewart, who writes The Daily Show and Die Hard, also wrote and directed this thriller. With a little help from a former railroad worker (Danny Glover, Gone Fishin') and a mysterious young hitchhiker played by Jared Leto (Pulp Fiction), "It's My So-Called Life, Quaid plays the killer's game of cat and mouse.

U-Turn

Columbia/TriStar

Oliver Stone directs an all-star cast in this bizarre look at what happen when a drifter headed for Vegas (Sean Penn) finds himself stranded in a dead-end, deadbeat town in the void of the middle of nowhere, also known as Superior, Ariz. Billy Bob Thornton (Sling Blade) plays a satanic mechanic, Jon Voight (Anconit) offers wisdom as an old Indian chief and Jennifer Lopez (Selena, Stick Figure) and Claire Danes (Romeo & Juliet) and Joaquin Phoenix (Inventing the Abbotts) play fellow weirdos.


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THE FORCE is DEFINITELY WITH EWAN MCGREGOR. The 26-year-old Scot has built his career on playing roles that make him — if not the Hollywood establishment — happy. He's gone from the morally ambiguous journalist (aren't they all) in Shallow Grave to the smack fiend of Trainspotting to Gwyneth Paltrow's snide acquaintance in Emma. All are roles that made him — if not necessarily his agent — happy.

But sticking to his principles has paid off, thanks to one galactic overlord named George Lucas. When the Star Wars entrepreneur cast McGregor as the young Obi-Wan Kenobi for the upcoming Star Wars prequel, well, the former indie star went from a charming, talented actor to, well, the guy about to be the biggest star this side of Tatooine. And even though Star Wars is about as commercially visible as a film gets, this isn't exactly Independence Day we're dealing with here. He's not selling out, but he's definitely been upgraded from coach to first class.

"I was told I had the part, but I wasn't allowed to tell anybody for about a month and a half," says McGregor in a phone interview from London during the Star Wars filming. "It was quite a day. I had to walk around knowing I got it and not being able to tell anyone. It was quite hard."

Director Lucas' secrecy about the film's production is already legendary, and any attempts to get information out of the refractory actor were futile.

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—EWAN MCGREGOR

="With A Life Less Ordinary and, uh, some space movie, Ewan McGregor takes over America"

Are you signed on for one film, or two, or three? "Um, uh, maybe."

Everything okay on the set? "Um, everything, is, uh, very friendly."

Forget it. McGregor knows which side his bread's buttered on. He does, after all, have the role of a lifetime.

He hasn't quite developed the ego to go along with it, however. The Jedi-to-be has a somewhat innocent quality when he speaks. It's as if he hasn't done enough of those silly interviews to get sick of them yet. He laughs freely and sometimes even appears (gasp!) to be interested in what a shoddy U Magazine film critic has to say.

This is a Big Thing obviously needs some work on the pimpanous star act. McGregor's acting pretty much the same way any of us would react if we were cast in a Star Wars film. Nice gig, if you can get it.

"I've watched the old [Star Wars] films a lot," he says. "I'm playing [the Obi-Wan Kenobi role] as a young man, so I've had a lot of work to do there. It's all a part of the preparation really. This is a great chance, and I'm not going to f— it up, you know."

Of course, a great chance is one thing. Playing Obi-Wan Kenobi in arguably the most anticipated movie of the past 25 years is another entirely.

Mr. I-Don't-Need-To-Be-A-Movie-Star is about to become the epitome of the species. Is he ready?

Outside is America

"I don't think about it at all. I just concern myself with the work and try to get that good," he says. "I can't prepare myself for it, because I don't know what it'll be..."

McGregor will tell you otherwise, but he's about to take over America. Following September's Nighthawks with Nick Nolte, he reteams with Trainspotting director Danny Boyle for this month's A Life Less Ordinary, a romantic comedy with Cameron Diaz, Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo. McGregor plays Roberts, an unhappy junior who啥 when American heiress (Diaz' hostage. Two angels (Boyle and Nolte) conspire to bring them together.

"Roberts" became more interesting a role when he realized Roberts is "a bit of a feminine character," McGregor says. "It's quite sensitive, it seems. He reacts and gets very involved. It's a bit of a guy who gets himself into a mess, and it's exciting..."

The film was shot in Utah, and the breaking it's of McGregor found the belligerent state to be resistive, to say the least.

"It's just a very weird place. I don't want to be interviewed about it, because I'm sure there are tendencies in Utah to be reading this," he says. "It's just a very straight, innovative place. I got scared at a lot. I'm a young guy with a baby and a wife, and I'd walk around and people would stare at me like I was the devil because I had a baby."

They were staring because I only had the one child and didn't have 12.

Perhaps the sight of a displaced 20-something actually looking for cigarettes and alcohol with an impossible child was a bit much for the average Mormon to

Fast-food culture

McGregor's not entirely comfortable with his impending domination of the States. There are tabloids with paparazzi who are much more interested in who he might be dating than how moving his performance. (Gwyneth Paltrow is still on the map.)

This Serious Young Man thinks it's nice to have people see his films, don't get him wrong, but just, you hear he's a turn-landly, self-promoting actor so he's something completely.

McGregor loves to do. He noted his appearance with Darth Vader in the MTV Movie Awards in June.

"It was stupid and silly," he says. "They scripted [I was supposed to say], and it was so awful that we just said "F— that," and made up our own thing. We thought we were being really witty, but we were just mugging with this wall of nothing. But, of course, there were people just looking around over their shoulders, saying "Oh my God, what was going on there?"

McGregor was just trying to save something they've been through. Nobody's there just because they want to be.

Of course, the celebrity circuit isn't all bad. His appearance on ER is a Scottish (surprise) kidnapper who takes Jill Margolis hostage, earned him an Emmy nomination.

"I had a great time," he says. "I just wanted to be there because I love the show. To see myself on the telly with the people was great fun. They gave me the chance, and I jumped at it."

For a married guy with a young daughter, McGregor is spreading himself mighty thin. He's wrapped up his The Golden Earring from the director of Safe, and is in the middle of making a film withPriscilla, Queen of the Desert director Stephen Elliott. That's not to mention any more Star Wars prequels he might be working on. And he has two movies slated after that. Is he becoming the Michael Caine of our generation?

"I try to work fairly regularly," he says. "I try to knock as many as I can."

And if McGregor can continue to add a little bit of film to the increasingly bland mix of movies, more power to him. Movies could use the jolt of energy. Help us, Obi-Wan Kenobi, you're our only hope.

Will Leitch is self-conscious about the size of his light shirt.

See the full text of the U. interview with Ewan McGregor at the U. web site after www.umagazine.com
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