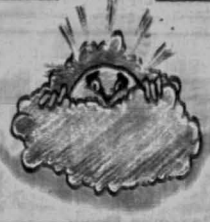


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Senate locks doors, debates dismissing trial

■ After Iowa's Tom Harkin fails to keep debate open, senators mull over ending the case against the president.

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate closed its doors Monday to debate a Democratic attempt to dismiss all charges against President Clinton and bring his impeachment trial to an end. House prosecutors pressed their case for testimony by Monica Lewinsky and a shortened list of additional witnesses. Senators deliberated for 4½ hours in a rare secret evening session at the White House, confident of Clinton's ability to

win eventual acquittal, announced it would ignore a written list of questions submitted by Majority Leader Trent Lott and other Republicans.

An attempt by two Democrats, including Tom Harkin of Iowa, to open the debate to the public was rejected, 57 senators voting against it and 43 for it. A two-thirds majority was needed to pass.

The senators began their closed-door debate after two final hours of arguments by the White House and House prosecutors on the question of dismissal. The Senate was to reconvene at 11 a.m.

CST today, when it may turn its attention to the subject of possible witnesses.

Rep. Henry Hyde, the lead prosecutor, told the Senate that dismissal would mean that "charges of perjury, obstruction of justice are summarily dismissed, disregarded, ignored, brushed off, and these are charges that send ordinary folk to jail every day of the week and remove federal judges."

There will be continuing contention about Clinton's case, he said, unless the articles of impeachment themselves are brought to a vote.

"The case cannot be made. It is time to end it," countered Nicole Seligman, a private attorney who has long represented Clinton and is part of his impeachment defense team.

No votes are expected before today or possibly Wednesday, but after more than two weeks, the first presidential impeachment trial in 131 years was fast approaching a pivotal moment.

House Republicans are expected to produce a formal proposal for witnesses today, to be voted on after the Democratic attempt to dismiss the charges.

"There's a feeling that if the House managers have their way, we're never going to get a bipartisan conclusion."

— Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.



SWING OUT

Brian Moore/The Daily Iowan

UI junior Molly Sider does the Lindy hop with partner Kamil Dmowski Sunday evening during class at the Field House.

Fading out ... on JUMPIN' & JIVIN'

■ Is swing dancing coming or going? Depends who you ask.

By Leah Reinstein
The Daily Iowan

Is swing on its way out? If you ask bar owners or even UI administrators, the answer might be a resounding yes.

As swing classes enter their final semester at the UI and swing nights become more rare at local bars, many students say they're going elsewhere to satisfy their urge to jump, jive and wail. "Swing is back and the university cancels the classes" said UI fresh-

man Jeremy Dubin. "It just shows how out of touch the UI is with the student body."

Cutting swing dance courses is part of a larger phase-out of all dance courses in the Department of Sports, Health, Leisure and Physical Studies.

Swing dancing does not only afford students the opportunity to let their hair down and stretch their legs. Traditionally, it has been seen on campuses nationwide as a popular alternative to alcohol consumption.

Though the UI will no longer offer swing classes after this semester, its

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I.C. sludge war looms

■ Two environmental groups are threatening to sue Iowa City to ensure its compliance with federal water standards.

By Laura Heinauer and Mike Standaert
The Daily Iowan

Local and state environmental groups say they're prepared to take Iowa City to court in order to force the city to comply with federal Clean Water Act mandates.

A report released Monday by the Dubuque-based Mississippi River Revival and the Iowa City group Environmental Advocates said Iowa City's waste-water treatment facilities do not meet Environmental Protection Agency standards.

The groups further said they may bring a suit against the city if these standards are not met within 60 days.

Iowa City's discharge into local waterways was found to suffer chronic violations of mercury, ammonia, cyanide, copper, total suspended solids (too much organic matter) and chlo-

rine emissions, according to the report, which covered a study from May 1997 through April 1998.

City officials argue that the standards cannot be met overnight.

City Manager Steve Atkins said he received a letter from Mississippi River Revival Monday stating that the city's waste-treatment system failed to comply with federal discharge requirements on waste water released into area rivers.

This was the first Atkins said he had heard of the group and its intentions to seek an injunction. Because there were threats of a lawsuit in the letter, he referred the case to the city attorney.

"We had not received any formal correspondence on these issues," Atkins said. "I'm not sure what authority they have to do any of these things."

Designs for improvements to the city's waste-water treatment plant are being finalized; they have been part of a project for the last four years. The city has been working on the project to improve the water facility so that it complies with

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Tiptoeing up to 'dead week'

■ Tonight, the UISG will discuss an alternative to "dead week" — "review time."

By Rebecca Anderson
The Daily Iowan

It's not a "dead week," but it's a step in that direction, according to UISG representatives.

A resolution to give students "review time" at the semester's end will be considered at tonight's student government meeting. Brian White, the UISG president, said he's confident the motion will pass.

The last time the UISG discussed such a resolution — at a meeting in November 1998 — the vote was delayed because some senators complained that they hadn't been given enough time to review the bill.

"I think it will run much smoother than it did last time," White said.

The proposal encourages professors to use class time for review purposes only and not to present any new material "during the last few days of regularly scheduled instruction at the end of the semester." The proposal also asks that professors require students to turn in projects, papers and assignments before these review days.

One of the most vocal opponents at the November meeting was Ed Walker, a graduate and professional student senator who worried that professors would not comply with the policy because it is not a mandate.

The resolution states that it is the students' responsibility to find time for studying.

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History of the UI Dead Week

It began in 1996 as a proposal for a week before finals with no classes, no homework and no assigned readings. Three years later, the proposal for a "dead week" at the UI has been watered down to a day of classes with no homework. A brief history of the proposal:

March 1996

UISG Sen. Rakhi Roy presents the beginning phases of a plan to increase final-exam policies.

December 1996

UISG President Marc Beltrame plans to present a full dead-week proposal the following spring. Then-Associate Provost John Folkens publicly supports the proposal.

February 1997

UISG presidential candidate Allison Miller announces her plans to carry out dead week if elected.

May 1997

UISG Vice President Meghan Henry fail to push the proposal. The UISG decides to delay progress until 1998.

November 1998

UISG President Brian White proposes "review days" after previous attempts by UISG members to push through dead week fail. Faculty Council approves the plan.

Senators decide to delay vote until tonight.

Source: UI Research

DI/Dave Selden

City Council puts off Benton Street reconstruction plan

■ The City Council postpones major construction on Benton Street after hearing widespread community objections.

By Steven Cook
The Daily Iowan

A proposed widening of Benton Street will be delayed for more than five years, the Iowa City City Council decided Monday night to the applause of more than 90 West-Side residents.

The council made the decision at its informal work session after listening to several Benton Street residents ask the city to further study the effects of widening the street before deciding to go ahead with the project.

"It's just the wrong street to widen," resident Lauren Reece told the council. "You should help improve the street for

the people who really live there." Benton Street carries 8,400 to 14,000 cars per day, causing congestion during peak traffic periods.

Residents are concerned that widening the street would bring even more traffic to the area.

Forty percent of the 600 students in the area's two elementary schools — Roosevelt and Horn — must cross Benton Street to get to school, said Reece, who is the president of the Roosevelt Elementary School PTO.

The Benton Street project was slated to begin next year.

Councilors could have opted to reconstruct Benton Street from just

west of Riverside Drive to Sunset Street, changing it from two to either three or four lanes.

But they decided to put the project off so they could use its money on other Capital Improvement Projects. The council is slated to discuss those Wednesday.

"The problems that would be relieved from improvement to this street are not as significant as other projects could improve," Mayor Ernie Lehman said.

The residents' applause came after Lehman announced that the project would not go forward "for some time to

speed read

Report: U.S. missiles blast Iraqi civilians

BASRA, Iraq — U.S. missiles slammed into residential neighborhoods in southern Iraq Monday, killing at least 11 people, Iraqi officials said.

U.S. officials said its Air Force and Navy jets fired at air-defense systems in response to "threats by anti-aircraft artillery fire" and by four Iraqi warplanes flying south of the 33rd parallel in violation of the no-flight ban.

Pentagon officials said it was likely that U.S. jets targeting the Iraqi air-defense installations misfired. PAGE 7A



Company pushes morality in catalogues

LIBERTYVILLE, Iowa — Ned Ingberman, owner of Vintage Drum Center Inc., launched an anti-abortion advertising campaign in his mail-order catalogue in May. PAGE 4A

Court nixes sampling

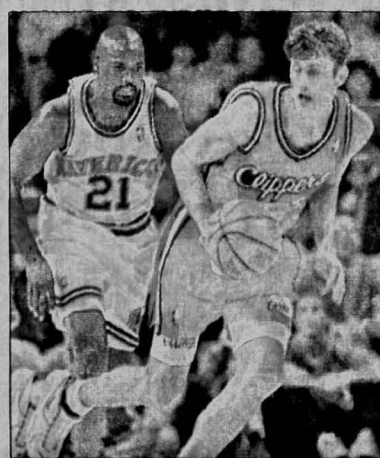
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the 2000 census cannot use statistical sampling to enhance its accuracy, a decision making it more likely that millions of people will be left out. PAGE 7A

Brent Barry joins Bulls

CHICAGO — Brent Barry is no Michael Jordan, but he'll have to do for now. Barry, a free-agent guard, joined the Chicago Bulls Monday, signing a six-year, \$27 million contract.

The former NBA slam dunk champion and son of Hall of Famer Rick Barry, averaged 9.6 points per game in three seasons with the Los Angeles Clippers and Miami Heat.

"If he does play well in Chicago, then they think they've got the next Michael Jordan," Miami coach Pat Riley said. PAGE 3B



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RANDOM JOKES

A lawyer walked onto a plane and sat down. After a couple of minutes, a woman came and sat next to him. "Hi," said the lawyer. "Hello," she replied. "Want to play a game?" asked the lawyer. "I'll ask you a question and if you can't answer it, you give me \$5. Then you ask me a question and if I can't answer it, I'll give you \$50. Would you like to play?" This game interested the woman very much so she agreed. The lawyer asked the first question: "What is the distance between the earth and the sun?" he asked. The woman pondered over this question for a minute, then bent down to her bag, picked out \$5 and gave it to the lawyer. Now it was the woman's turn. "What goes up a hill with three legs but comes down with only two?" she asked. The lawyer thought and thought, searched the Web and called all his lawyer friends. After an hour of searching, the lawyer gave up and paid the woman \$50. Soon the woman fell asleep and that was the end of the game. When the plane landed, the lawyer caught the woman on her way out. "I just have one more question for you," he said. "Yes?" asked the woman. "What is the answer to that question?" the lawyer asked. The woman didn't say anything, picked out \$5, gave it to the lawyer and walked off.



Felix Adama/Associated Press
Betsy Wegner uses skis to get around her neighborhood in Bakersfield, Calif., on Monday. Bakersfield, better known for summer heat, got its first measured snowfall since 1974. The snow measured from 3 to 6 inches in various parts of the city.

newsmakers

NEW YORK (AP) — Following a four-year hiatus from the movies, **Rosie Perez** wasn't interested in returning to the big screen for a minor role.

So when she was offered the part of a receptionist in "24 Hour Woman," which opens Friday, the 34-year-old actress did some fast talking to persuade director Nancy Savoca to give her a bigger part.

"I said to her, 'I know you think I'm loud because of the press you read, but it's not true. I have the ability to do this — all I need is the opportunity,'" Perez recalled for Sunday's *Daily News*.

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — For **Carmen Electra**, the question is whether being known as a sexpot is a good or a bad thing.

First it happened on MTV's "Singed Out," then on "Baywatch" and now on WB's new "Hyperion Bay," on which Electra plays the vice president of her father's computer company.

"I don't know if it's a curse or a compliment," she said. This time viewers will see less skin — at least initially.

"I wear business suits and my hair in styles I don't necessarily like," she says in Monday's *USA Today*.

AMANA, Iowa (AP) — **Ashton Kutcher** liked the retro look better when it was his choice and not his uniform.

Kutcher, one of the stars of Fox's "That '70s Show," said he wore bell bottoms, puka shell necklaces and polyester shirts before he started playing Michael Kelso — a big, dumb guy with a whiny girlfriend. So he had to change his wardrobe.

"I wanted to have a different identity than my character, so I couldn't wear them any more. I had to buy new clothes. I was kind of bummed about that," Kutcher, 20, said.

calendar

University Democrats will sponsor a meeting in the Michigan Room of the Union at 7 p.m.

Iowans Against the Death Penalty will sponsor a meeting at First United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Jefferson and Dubuque streets, at 7 p.m.

The UI Department of Physics and Astronomy will sponsor the following events in Van Allen Hall: an operator theory seminar in Room 301 at 1:30 p.m., and a math physics seminar in Room 301 at 2:30 p.m.

UI brief

Prize awarded to UI glaucoma research

A team of UI ophthalmologists and vision scientists has received a national award for its glaucoma research findings published in 1997.

The New York Academy of Medicine awarded the 1998 Lewis Rudin Glaucoma Prize to the investigators for a paper titled, "Identification of a gene that causes primary open angle glaucoma." The prize, announced Monday, was funded by the May and Samuel Rudin Family Foundation in New York.

The article was published in the Jan. 31, 1997 issue of the journal *Science*. The findings point to better ways of identifying and treating people at risk of primary open-angle glaucoma, the most common form of glaucoma and the second leading cause of legal blindness in the United States.



horoscopes

Tuesday, January 26, 1999

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your ability to work with detail will enhance your reputation and help you achieve your goals. Your personal partnerships may be rocky today.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Avoid getting drawn into gossip. Your boss will not think highly of you if you participate.
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Joint financial ventures will result in money troubles. Stabilize your position. Put your cash into long-term investments.

by Eugenia Last
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a look at any legal matters. Someone around you is not on your side. You won't want to listen to anyone.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make financial gains by using your ingenuity and your unusual business tactics. You have some good ideas.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your personal goals will be easy to reach. Make those changes that will add pizzazz to your image.
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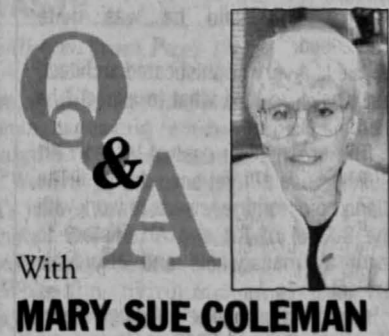
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CITY & STATE

If someone needs help, 'speak out'



With **MARY SUE COLEMAN**

By Carrie Johnston
The Daily Iowan

DI: There has been a rise in suicides at the UI over the last few years. What does the UI do, and what types of services are offered to help students handle a suicide if it happens?

Coleman: I don't know if there has been a significant rise. We are always concerned regarding student suicides. We want to make sure that students know there is counseling available. We have some wonderful counseling centers. The resident assistants in the residence halls are always on the lookout for students who need help. We do everything in our power to be active. One problem is that sometimes you can't tell if a student is thinking about suicide.

We need to do everything in our power to prevent a terrible tragedy for the families. If a student knows someone who needs help, speak out. We need to be a part of a community that helps each other.

DI: Recent events involving Bob Bowsby and Tom Davis have caused some negative media attention focused on the UI. What kind of impact do you think this will have in the search for a new coach?

Coleman: The UI is a well-respected institution nationally for its athletic program. It is clean and known for its ethics and integrity, which is why it is an attractive place for potential coaches. Athletes have good experiences here.

DI: Will it affect alumni relations to the athletics program in terms of financial contributions?

Coleman: Iowa fans are passionate and extremely loyal to the Hawkeyes. People will have their opinions. Bob Bowsby, Ann Rhodes and I want to make sure this is a good place.

DI: Is there a chance that the UI will rehire Tom Davis?

Coleman: Bob Bowsby made that decision.

DI: What improvements are planned for campus buildings?

Coleman: We still have a lot of work to do. We are playing catch-up on maintenance and repair. I am proud of the progress we have made in upgrading classrooms. There is a lot of work to do in places such as the Chemistry Building and Seashore Hall. When we get biology and engineering (buildings) on line, that will help a lot. We are also working on the library and bringing up the comfort level, like the Union. We are continually improving the UI to make it more comfortable to the students.

DI: The UI has recently proposed to combining several student cultural centers and consolidating them in the Union. Many UI students have voiced opposition to this idea. What, in your opinion, is the best way to resolve this situation?

Coleman: We are looking to make the Union a more vibrant center. There will be lots of student input and lots of discussion. The whole goal is to make places on campus where students want to go. Whenever you talk about changing things, people will be concerned — and that's understandable. We

want to provide places where people's cultures can be celebrated, in houses or at the Union. We're also looking long-range. The buildings that are housing the center are not in the best condition; we need to keep that in mind. What I would encourage is that people be part of the discussion.

DI: One of your Distinction 2000 goals is to raise the UI's overall ranking to one of the top 10 public schools in the nation. A recent accreditation report stated that there is a lot of work to be done to get there. How does the UI plan to help itself rise in the rankings?

Coleman: We are pleased about the progress we're making. We are starting on a new strategic plan for 2000 to 2005, which will sharpen some goals and define ways to make progress. The accreditation report said we need more resources. We are looking into state and private resources. It costs money, and we have to be realistic about that. I want us to be in a position where we can justify everything we are asking for.

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STATE BRIEF

Vilsack, leaders reach school agreement

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack and legislative leaders Monday announced a plan to spend more than \$70 million in new funding for elementary and secondary schools in the state.

Included in the deal was an agreement to raise basic state aid to schools by 4 percent, a quick and easy solution to an issue that annually bitterly divides the Legislature.

While other education issues loom, all sides said the deal is a sign that agreement can come quickly on those issues as well. The joint news conference in Vilsack's office was virtually unprecedented.

"I want to applaud the legislative leaders for their willingness to sit down early in the session and seek a bipartisan approach," said Democrat Vilsack.

Leaders said pieces in the package will begin moving through the Legislature quickly, possibly later this week.

The plan includes:
• Setting a 4 percent growth in basic state aid to schools, which would start \$61 million in state money flowing.

• Establishing a budget guarantee for school districts with declining enrollments. Because state aid is on a per pupil basis, shrinking schools can find state aid actually dropping. The package would spend \$6 million to ensure that no school district would lose money.

• Spending \$4 million to get money to districts with growing enrollment. Those districts complain that they are always lagging behind, because funding for new students this year won't arrive until next year. It would take \$11 million to fully fund those students, and the effort is popular with suburban lawmakers because many of those schools are growing so quickly.

The state helps pay for local schools using a complex formula that includes both state tax dollars and local property taxes. Increasing state funding by 4 percent would spark increased property tax collections of \$32.7 million, Vilsack aides said.

"I'm sure we may have an issue or two that we will disagree on," said Senate Majority Leader Stewart Iversen, R-Dows. "I think the willingness of all sides to sit down and work on this is commendable."

Cops, cultural centers mark fireside chat

President Mary Sue Coleman's first get-together of the semester draws 40 members of the UI community.

By Carrie Johnston
The Daily Iowan

Approximately 40 UI undergraduate and graduate students, faculty members and UISG representatives traded views on a variety of topics Monday with UI President Mary Sue Coleman and General Counsel Mark Schantz during the first "fireside chat" of the spring semester.

The relationship between the Iowa City Police Department and the UI administration became a topic of concern after UI graduate student Cliff Weston questioned if a relationship even existed.

"I don't see any ongoing discussion, and this is discouraging to me," he said. "I have actually seen police intent on busting students. I am uncomfortable with the police attitude towards undergraduates."

Coleman stressed her concern about drinking on the UI campus

"I have actually seen police intent on busting students. I am uncomfortable with the police attitude towards undergraduates."

— Cliff Weston,
UI graduate student

and said there were open lines of communication between the police and UI administration.

"We are very concerned about binge drinking, and we can't ignore it," Coleman said. "I feel the UI and the police communicate very well; we talk all the time."

UI administration and UISG are working on making alternative activities available to students, and tackling the relationship between UI students and the police.

"There are students, when encountered by the police, who do not feel safe," UISG President Brian White said. "There is more of a reaction of 'What did I do wrong?'"

UISG is currently working on publishing a university calendar to be made available to the student

body to increase the awareness of other university activities going on.

The possible consolidation of UI cultural centers was also on the minds of the audience members. They questioned Coleman heavily about the centers, campus diversity and minority retention rates.

"We are trying to do better and clearly recruit students," Coleman said. "We are in Iowa, and Iowa is not a diverse state. We don't reflect what is happening in the rest of the country."

Schantz agreed that there were many legal challenges relating to increasing diversity in a university.

"Dealing with retention, we might consider groups having their own center to meet," he said. "But

regarding diversity, that would involve actually putting people together."

Coleman said she and Phillip Jones, vice president for Student Services and dean of students, plan to have more discussions and student input regarding the cultural centers and a UI proposal to move the centers into the Union.

"There have not been enough meetings and discussions — there are a lot of tough issues to address, and we need to be aggressive," she said. "Everybody is going to have to help."

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S.T.A.R.
Students To Assist Recruitment

The Students to Assist Recruitment (STAR) program is a volunteer group of undergraduate students who assist the University of Iowa admission staff in recruitment of prospective high school, transfer, and non-traditional students. STAR seeks to promote the University through contacts with other students, parents, and alumni.

Programs that Star participate in include:

- Hawkeye Visit Days
- Student Host/Mentor Program
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CITY & STATE

Banging on the abortion drum

■ An Iowa drum company pushes the owner's morality in its mail-order catalogues.

Associated Press

LIBERTYVILLE, Iowa — Ned Ingberman doesn't mind that his moral beliefs can sometimes make it difficult to drum up business.

Ingberman, 48, owns Vintage Drum Center Inc., a mail-order business that offers rare and collectible drums and cymbals through its quarterly catalogue.

But Ingberman is willing to risk offending loyal customers in order to share his opinion on abortion: He says it's wrong. And he'll tell you so, even if it means you'll go somewhere else to buy your next set of skins.

In May, he launched an anti-abortion advertising campaign in

the catalogue, adding to anti-abortion editorials he and his wife, Carol, have written over the past few years.

He says their message "is very relevant to the interests of our musician readers. We hope that instead of turning them off, they're inspired to do something to reverse the trend."

Ingberman admits it's a big step, but he thinks that placing the ads is his responsibility. He doesn't worry about negative feedback because the 13,000 people on his mailing list have the option of not reading them, he said.

"If we've lost a customer because we've done that, then that's a price we pay for doing what's right. I accept that," he said. "But I don't regret it. What bothers me is that they haven't understood what we're saying."

"I cannot in good conscience give in to the false security of being politically correct. We stand by our convictions. But it's impossible not to offend at least some people where the subjects of religion and morality are involved."

— Ned Ingberman, owner of the Vintage Drum Center Inc.

Catalogue subscribers see ads such as one picturing a fetus's foot 10 weeks after conception, followed by the message: "Will these feet ever get to play the bass and hi-hat? They would like to have a choice — wouldn't you?"

One of two new ads to be published in the spring catalogue tells readers that the 26-and-younger age group has one-third fewer musicians and audience members because of the number of fetuses that have been aborted in the past 25 years.

"We try to put forth a moral message that is nonconfrontational and appeals to our readers' sense of reason and fair play," he said.

In a few weeks, he said, the ads will appear on the Vintage Drum Center Web site.

To Ingberman's knowledge, no other retailer has paralleled his actions. But he wishes someone would; to him, keeping the message silent is a bigger risk than being outspoken.

Ingberman has gotten some disapproving letters, e-mail messages and telephone calls from customers. Some wanted to be taken off the mailing list because they found the material inappropriate. By far the biggest complaint, he said, is that the catalogue pushes opinions that are irrelevant to making music.

"I cannot in good conscience give in to the false security of being politically correct," he said. "We stand by our convictions. But it's impossible not to offend at least some people where the subjects of religion and morality are involved."

CITY BRIEF

UI hires 'hot' architect for new Art Building

New York architect Steven Holl, described by a UI vice president as one of the hottest around, has been hired to design the new UI Art Building, the university announced Monday at a meeting of the Campus Planning Committee.

Holl's résumé includes designing Kinzma, a temporary art museum in Helsinki, Finland, and a small Jesuit chapel in Seattle.

Richard Gibson, associate vice pres-

ident for the Facility Services Group, recently traveled to Helsinki to view Kinzma and said he was quite impressed.

"He is a very sophisticated architect, but I have no idea what to expect," he said.

The prospective cost of the new Art Building has not yet been decided. The planning committee needs to work with the School of Art and Art History to form a "manageable and affordable project."

Construction on the building will not start until 2001 or 2002.

— by Quinn O'Keefe

LEGAL MATTERS

POLICE

Lucas R. Potratz, 18, 416 Second Ave., was charged with driving while revoked at the intersection of Highway 1 and Ruppert Road on Jan. 24 at 8:46 p.m.

Robert S. Palmer, 35, 620 S. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged with public intoxication at the Alexis Park Inn, 1165 S. Riverside Drive, on Jan. 25 at 2:44 a.m.

Francis S. Granger, 34, address unknown, was charged with public intoxication at the Alexis Park Inn on Jan. 25 at 2:45 a.m.

Melanie K. Tappan, 34, 3452 Highway 1, was charged with public intoxication at the Alexis Park Inn on Jan. 25 at 3 a.m.

Scott W. Blanchard, 27, Cedar Rapids, was charged with driving under suspension, operating while intoxicated, second offense, and false evidence of registration at the intersection of Burlington and Gilbert streets on Jan. 25 at 1:56 a.m.

Lora M. Halbach, 20, 521 S. Lucas St., was charged with operating while intoxicated at the intersection of Park Road and Dubuque Street on Jan. 25 at 1:52 a.m.

— compiled by Zack Kucharski

COURTS

Magistrate

Criminal trespass — Jeffrey Alverson, 1100 Oakcrest Apt. 6, was fined \$25.

Public intoxication — Jeffrey Alverson, 1100 Oakcrest Apt. 6, was fined \$25; Travis B. Buhmeyer, 731 E. Church St., was fined \$90; Joshua R. Calvert, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was fined \$90; Francis S. Granger, address unknown, was fined \$90; Carol K. Grell, 2801 Highway 6 Apt. 55, was fined \$90; James A. Kauffman, Coralville, was fined \$90; Eric C. Nygaard, Monticello, Iowa, was fined \$90; Brian L. Peters, 321 S. Linn St. Apt. 223, was fined \$245; Daniel D. Pullos, 1032 N. Dubuque St., was fined \$90; Brian P. Stapleton, Quadrangle Residence Hall Room 2120, was fined \$90; Melanie K. Tappan, 3452 Highway 1, was fined \$90.

Patrick W. Warner, 421 Bowers St. Apt. 4, was fined \$90; Joseph V. White, 521 Kirkwood Ave. Apt. 9, was fined \$90.

Possession of an altered identification — Joshua J. McGinnis, Mayflower Residence Hall Room 625, was fined \$112.50.

Possession of alcohol under the legal age — Joshua J. McGinnis, Mayflower Residence Hall Room 625, was fined \$145.

Criminal mischief, fifth-degree — Andrew L. Taylor, Coralville, was fined \$90.

District

Fourth-degree theft — Jarrod R. Hagmeier, Keokuk, Iowa, preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

Third-degree theft — Fletcher J. Scherman, Mayflower Residence Hall Room 709A, no preliminary hearing has been set.

Third-degree burglary (two counts) — Jarrod R. Hagmeier, Keokuk, Iowa, preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

Second-degree burglary — Danhua Huang, 286 Hawkeye Court, preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.; (two counts) Joseph G. Harris, 908 Benton Drive Apt. 14, preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

Operating while intoxicated, second offense — Scott W. Blanchard, Cedar Rapids, no preliminary hearing has been set.

Driving under suspension — Scott W. Blanchard, Cedar Rapids, no preliminary hearing has been set.

Operating while intoxicated — Terence G. Alexa, 934 Iowa Ave., preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.

Operating while intoxicated, third offense — Kenneth R. Beck, Ankeny, Iowa, preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

Leaving the scene of a personal injury accident — Kenneth R. Beck, Ankeny, Iowa, preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

— compiled by Zack Kucharski

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EDITORIAL

Curbing underage drinking

It's that time of year again — time for two unstoppable forces to go head-to-head in a struggle that everyone seems to have an opinion about. The talk during the event is lively, and tempers can be volatile.

Oh, and the Super Bowl is coming up, too. The first weekend of a semester at the UI repeatedly places underage drinkers opposite police officers in the obligatory bar raid. On Jan. 21, Iowa City police and UI Public Safety officers issued 64 alcohol-related charges to minors in 39 local bars.

The numbers were down from last year's bust, when police logged 89 arrests on Jan. 22, 1998. But although the arrests were fewer, the problem of underage drinking is no less widespread.

These raids have been funded by a \$13,000 grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, part of the National Highway Safety program established in 1966 to combat highway fatalities. Like a keg at a lame party, the funds are not yet drained.

After last January's much-publicized operations, bar proprietors harshly criticized police for their methods and behavior during the surprise busts. Police subsequently agreed to notify bar owners before future stings. On Feb. 19, nearly a month after last year's initial crackdown, underage drinking arrests in the bars were down to 28.

But the issue was not — and is not — being taken seriously, by minors and legal authorities alike.

If underage drinking is to be treated as the legitimate problem that it is, the police should consider bar raids a routine strategy, rather than a once-per-semester scare tactic.

Let the pattern do the speaking: After the initial bar busts, the numbers may dip temporarily, but given a few weeks, they climb again to soaring heights. Regular, perhaps biweekly, busts might do more to permanently deter minors from drinking at the bars.

Possession of alcohol under the legal age is a punishable crime. The charge is real and will not likely be jotted down jokingly on the offender's record in erasable ink. Of course, the threat of a minimal fine and a criminal record is rarely enough to keep minors away from the lure of the bars.

This should not be the case. With the Nov. 3, 1998, passage of the simple misdemeanor amendment, the fine limit for minor offenses was eliminated, allowing fines in excess of \$100. Weightier penalties and stricter punishments — more than the slap on the wrist most minors currently get — should be the new norm.

Bar patrons under 21 are no less responsible for their own actions than those of legal age. Should minors take the risk of entering a bar and consuming alcohol, they should be prepared to face the music. Simply put, underage drinkers should not wonder if they will get caught, but rather, when.

Carol Lindeen is the *DI's* assistant Viewpoints editor.



Politics of personality

OUR republic has been built upon the precept that the rule of law cannot exist in a society in which the truth is absent.

With presidents such as George Washington, who said, "Where is the security for property, for life, if the sense of religious obligation deserts the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice," and Theodore Roosevelt, who proclaimed that honesty is an absolute prerequisite to holding office, this has been so.



LEE STRANG

But in recent months, this traditional view of America has been facing an unsightly and unseemly alternative to what the country is and should be. This alternative view proclaims that lies under oath and lies to the American people are not wrong. It declares that we must "stop the politics of destruction" — by not holding ourselves to an "unattainable moral standard" of fidelity to our wives.

On the other side are the Republicans, who are courageously taking a stand and upholding the rule of law. They also are upholding a standard by which a man of no character, a liar, is said to be unfit for the highest office in the land. They are leading America, instead of being led by the polls.

While growing up, I understood the presidency to be that high office to which the best of us strove. I thought the president to be a man whom we all could look to and admire, a man who would teach the nation by his gallant.

Our president is not such a man. I do not believe Theodore Roosevelt would hide behind legal semantics. Abraham Lincoln would certainly have told the whole truth and not questioned the meaning of "is."

The presidency is supposed to be about decency and the best America has to offer. Our president should be the first to do the right — and the first to admit wrong.

We stand today facing two conflicting and incompatible views of America. One is to take a stand, even when unpopular, and declare that lying is wrong and adultery is wrong. The alternative is to lower the standard, the ideal to which we all

must strive. This alternative, this party of the polls, may hold that what is right is decided by daily public-opinion polling, but the founders did not. They had beliefs that they actually believed in. "Private passions of leading individuals," wrote Alexander Hamilton, lead to civic problems. Later Hamilton wrote, "the Republican principle ... does not require an unqualified complacency to every sudden breeze of passion" of the people. It is the representative's duty "to give them time and opportunity for more cool and sedate reflection."

The founders clearly saw that, at times, it would not be correct to follow polls, for they measure by the minute emotional reactions and not reasoned or well-thought answers to difficult questions. The Republicans have shown true leadership during the impeachment debate by claiming that if the president is not required to be truthful, there can be no basis upon which our laws can stand. The party of "compassion" sees no law higher than being re-elected and no right except that which is derived from the latest poll: Right is by majority.

The Republicans counter that one must do what is right, even if unpopular. They believe the law reflects unchanging and immutable standards of right and wrong. They vote their conscience, not what is politically expedient, proclaiming that none are above the law.

St. Thomas More, in the movie "A Man for All Seasons," remarked to another who had just said he would cut away the law to get and punish the devil, "and then what would you do when the devil turned on you, where would you hide all the laws having been cut away?"

More saw that the rule of law is all that is between us and tyranny. Which view of America do you hold?

Lee Strang is a *DI* columnist.

EDITORIAL WRITERS WANTED

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The party platter of a lifetime

Hickory-dickory-dock, the mouse clicks on the Millennium clock. Like the Amazon of our dreams, it rushes upon us; we sit, each in our individual dinghy, waiting to get washed out to sea. And given our oh-so-perfect understanding of just about everything, out to sea is the metaphor of these times.

last turning of the Millennium.

Unfortunately, CNN hadn't been invented yet, so we don't have any videotape of the last Millennium. But 18th- and 19th-century historians tell us it was a time of great apocalyptic fever, in the words of Mark Kingwell.

Great masses of people in the grip of consternation and fear abandoned everything and surged to the Holy Land to await the judgment of the Lord. Charles Mackay writes in 1852, "Buildings of every sort were suffered to fall into ruins. It was thought useless to repair them, when the end of the world was so near."

The pope himself, according to Kingwell in his book "Dreams of Millennium," carefully calibrated his clocks and caused all Christendom's bells to ring out at the dawn of the Millennium. Panic raced through the populace, with buildings set on fire and mass suicides the rule.

Great stuff. Just imagine the movie Spielberg could make.

Great stuff, yeah, but also entirely false, as Kingwell points out. The Christian calendar was not widely used yet in Europe (and it was certainly not used anywhere else in the world). There was no agreement on when New Year's Day might fall or even when the beginning of the week was, for that matter.

Moreover, because Europeans had not yet borrowed the concept of zero from the Arabs, Christians didn't write (the few who could write) the year 1000 as 1000. They wrote it as M.

This bit about the calendar brings up another problem. As everyone goes marching in lockstep toward Jan. 1, 2000, expecting either the Mother of All Parties or the Apocalypse (the same thing in some people's minds), there is one pesky little detail to consider: Jan. 1, 2000, does not mark the beginning of the New Millennium.

Neither does it mark the end of the 20th century or even the end of the

'90s, just to be really pesky about it. Basically, about all it does mark is time for another New Year's Eve party so that those of you with a mind to can pave the sidewalks of downtown with regurgitated fun.

It all goes back — as scholars including Kingwell and Stephen Jay Gould have pointed out — to the Europeans' having no concept of zero. When Dennis the Small, at the bidding of the pope, re-did the Christian calendar in the 600s (the DCs, as he wrote it), he calculated that Rome had existed for 736 years at the birth of Christ, which he designated as year 1.

Thus, the first decade ended after year 10, the second after year 20, etc., etc., on up to the first century's ending after year 100. The first year of the second century was year 101.

And so on up to our time, when the new Millennium, whatever it might bring or mean, begins in year 2001.

That's one of the reasons that Stanley Kubrick, no slouch at symbolism, titled his film masterpiece "2001."

Of course, the new Millennium probably began Jan. 1, 1997, because the Small Dennis quite likely had the date of Jesus' birth wrong by four years. Details, details.

TV pundits and TV commercials (it's getting more and more difficult to discern the difference) ignore all this, having anointed the year 2000 as the official Millennium year.

Damn the facts, full speed ahead seems to be their motto. Given the way that perpetual-motion machine, the impeachment trial, grinds on and on and on, that's the motto for the whole country.

So the Millennium rushes to embrace us. It'll be a great time, I'm sure, even if it isn't the correct time. In fact, it'll no doubt be the grandest party since the year M.

Beau Elliot is a *DI* columnist.



BEAU ELLIOT

Who is this Millennium, anyway? And who invited him to the party? (It must be a party we're having here — why else would undergraduates spend so much time paving the sidewalks of downtown with their regurgitated fun?)

readers

SAY If you were Monica Lewinsky, would you kiss and tell?



"If I kissed Bill Clinton, I wouldn't tell anybody. I'd be really embarrassed."
Jessica Saari
UI freshman



"If I was Monica Lewinsky, I wouldn't want to be a part of the media's big cover story."
Sara Shonrock
UI freshman



"Yeah. I would tell, so that I would make some money and bring justice to the land."
Joe Mirabella
UI sophomore



"Yes. She's on the stand on the grand jury, and she's supposed to tell the truth."
Jeff O'Brien
UI junior



"No. I never kiss and tell. I think it's bad form."
Jill Duquaine
UI graduate student

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NATION & WORLD

Court nixes census sampling

In a blow to the administration, the justices ruled, 5-4, that the census must use nose count.

By Richard Carelli
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the 2000 census cannot use statistical sampling to enhance its accuracy, a decision making it more likely that millions of people will be left out. The 5-4 ruling requires the traditional nose count to determine how many members of Congress each state should have.

Left in doubt, however, was whether the sampling that the Clinton administration favors will be used to determine state-by-state eligibility for \$180 billion in federal money each year of the coming decade — or for drawing election districts at all levels of government. That may depend on whether

the Republican-led Congress provides enough financing for the Census Bureau.

The nation's highest court ruled that a 1976 federal census law "directly prohibits the use of sampling in the determination of population for the purposes of apportionment."

White House Press Secretary Joe Lockhart called the setback for the Clinton administration a "limited decision" and noted that the justices did not say sampling is unconstitutional. That means Congress could decide to amend the 1976 law and support the method.

But such action by Congress seems remote, because Republicans oppose statistical sampling. The GOP majority in Congress is also expected to resist efforts to let the Census Bureau employ two different methods in counting the population.

"The administration should abandon its illegal and risky polling scheme and start preparing for a true head count," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

However, House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri said, "The new arena in this battle is the House of Representatives, and there are two certainties: The Republicans will try to block a fair count, and Democrats will fight them."

Sampling probably would help Democrats, because minorities and inner-city residents, who tend to vote Democratic, made up a large share of the estimated 4 million people missed by the 1990 count.

Republicans oppose adjusting the numbers to make up for that undercount, because people who tend to vote for GOP candidates also are more likely to voluntarily respond to the census.

Commerce Secretary William Daley, reacting to the ruling, said the Census Bureau may use a two-track system. But he acknowledged that conducting the census in two distinct ways would be a "massive undertaking" and would cost "substantially more."

Dozens dead, hundreds injured in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — An earthquake struck western Colombia Monday, killing at least 87 people and injuring nearly 850 as it toppled buildings across the country's coffee-growing heartland, police and radio reported.

The early afternoon quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. Its epicenter was located in western Valle del Cauca state, 140 miles from the capital, Bogota.

The death and damage toll appeared to be highest in Armenia, Pereira and Calarca — three cities near the epicenter.

"There's no way to measure this crisis," said the mayor of Armenia, Alvaro Pulido. Radio reports said several buildings on the city's main plaza, including a bank and the police barracks, had collapsed. He said thousands of people were left homeless.

In Armenia, there were at least 50 dead and more than 500 injured, according to the Colombian Red Cross. Radio reports put the death toll there as high as 100.

WORLD BRIEFS

One city hospital alone had received more than 500 injured, RCN radio reported. Television footage showed residents frantically trying to extract victims trapped below the debris of a fallen building in the city, the capital of Quindio state.

Five found brutally slain in Kosovo, clouding new diplomatic push

RAKOVINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — The bullet-riddled bodies of five more ethnic Albanians — two of them children — were found Monday, fueling tensions at a time when diplomats admit being stymied about how to end the crisis in Kosovo peacefully. The two men, two boys and one woman

appeared to have been shot at close range on a tractor-trailer that was returning from a cornfield off the main road through Rakovina, a village 35 miles southwest of the provincial capital, Pristina.

The grisly discoveries came 10 days after 45 ethnic Albanians were allegedly massacred in the Kosovo village of Racak. The Racak slaughter was the highest toll since government troops ambushed and killed 36 Kosovo Albanians as they tried to illegally cross the border on Dec. 14.

NATO officials have renewed the threat of air strikes, saying the likelihood of allied military action was real unless the Yugoslav government halts its crack-down against ethnic Albanian separatists in Kosovo.

U.S. missiles blast Iraqi civilians, report claims

Iraqi officials say, in southern Iraq, 11 are reported to be dead and dozens injured.

By Vijay Joshi
Associated Press

BASRA, Iraq — U.S. missiles slammed into residential neighborhoods in southern Iraq Monday, demolishing sturdy, stone-walled homes as they killed at least 11 people, Iraqi officials said.

U.S. officials said its Air Force and Navy jets fired at air-defense systems in response to "threats by anti-aircraft artillery fire" and by four Iraqi warplanes flying south of the 33rd parallel in violation of the no-flight ban.

Pentagon officials said it was likely that U.S. jets targeting the Iraqi air-defense installations misfired and that at least two missiles may have resulted in civilian deaths in and around the city of Basra. Spokesman Navy Capt. Michael Doubleday said U.S. officials were still assessing the site damage.

The missiles hit five areas of southern Iraq, including the working-class al-Jumhuriya neighborhood on the outskirts of Basra, Iraqi officials said. Several homes in that



Santiago Lyon/Associated Press

Residents of the Basra neighborhood of al-Jumhuriya sit in front of their destroyed house late Monday, after what Iraq said was an American missile slammed into the neighborhood killing and wounding several people.

neighborhood were destroyed, and broken dishes and kitchen utensils were strewn among the rubble. Civilians worked late into the night to clean the debris from the morning strike, the officials said.

Ahmed Ibrahim Hamash, the governor of Basra, said two aircraft fired five missiles that killed 11 people and injured 59.

The missiles struck in the morn-

ing; Hamash said most of the casualties were women, children or the elderly, because many men had already left for work.

The missiles hit three civilian areas in or near Basra, as well as a site near the airport and another near the Rumeilah oil fields.

An engineer at the oil field was reported to have been injured in the attacks.

Iraqi officials took reporters to the al-Jumhuri hospital, one of the city's two main hospitals. Several injured children and women were at the hospital, and Iraqi officials said they had been wounded in the strikes.

In al-Jumhuriya, four homes were completely destroyed and six damaged, including Lufti Swadi's house. The blast ripped the front door off the 28-year-old baker's home, shattered parts of the walls and scattered the furniture.

At the al-Jumhuri hospital in Basra, Marwa Ali, 6, lay on a hospital bed swathed in a pink blanket. Dried blood was caked on her nostrils. She was about to go to school to take an exam when the missile struck, her sister Zeinab, 25, said.

In the village of Abu al-Khaseeb, four houses were destroyed and another four damaged. Iraqi officials were still assessing damage in the other civilian area that was struck.

Hamash said there were no military installations in the areas that were hit.

"There is not even a police station there, let alone a military installation," he said. "The United States claims to be a humanitarian nation, but it is an enemy of that concept."

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Double whammy

By Tyler Steward
The Daily Iowan

Cameron Stracher, a graduate of both the Harvard Law School and the Iowa Writers' Workshop, is a jack of at least two considerable trades. Stracher, currently a litigator for CBS in New York, also finds daily time to write. It isn't easy.

"It requires getting up really early in the morning," Stracher said in a telephone interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "There's only so much time in the day."

READING
Cameron Stracher

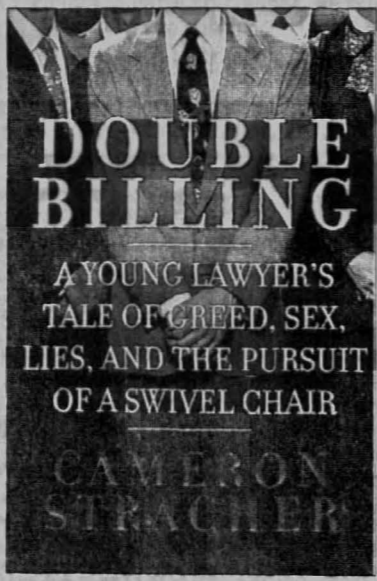
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Stracher is scheduled to read from his book "Double Billing: A Young Lawyer's Tale of Greed, Sex, Lies, and the Pursuit of a Swivel Chair" tonight. A philosophy major as an undergraduate, Stracher took writing classes while he nurtured an interest in political and legal theory. Law, he believed, would be a practical outlet for that interest, a belief he has since discovered to be somewhat unjustified. But Stracher also saw law as something he could capably do while continuing to write.

"I was interested in trying to do something creative while practicing law," he said. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1987, Stracher moved to New York to practice law. But he found that he still needed experience as a writer.

"When I began practicing law and I realized I needed to get serious about writing, I decided to apply to the workshop," he said. Stracher came to Iowa in 1989, staying for four years. "Double Billing," Stracher's second book and first work of non-fiction, is an account of his first year out of law school, during which he worked as an associate at a Wall Street law



Cover Art

firm. Stracher, who wrote his first novel over five years, found non-fiction easier to write than fiction.

"Fiction operates on so many more levels than non-fiction does," he said. "With non-fiction, language is important, but you're less concerned about metaphor and imagery and all that other stuff."

Protecting the confidentiality of his clients was a particular difficulty. "The hardest thing was changing the details of the things I was describing in a way that would leave it accurate, but would not make it recognizable to the clients," he said.

Because of this, some critics have challenged the categorization of the book as non-fiction. But Stracher noted that a completely accurate account of his experiences would lead to his disbarment, and so he has not allowed himself to be drawn into an argument with his critics.

Stracher instead focuses on his current job, on being a husband to his wife, a writer he met while at Iowa, and on being a father to his 2½-year-old son. He also contributes regularly to *American Lawyer* magazine and is working on a second novel. Given the pressures of being both a writer and a litigator, Stracher counts himself lucky.

"I'm not sure I would tell someone to choose my career path," he said. "I've been very fortunate that I've been able to write and to practice law."

Satirical series considered unsalutary by some

■ Eddie Murphy's new 'PJs' raises questions about TV's comic boundaries.

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The setting is a mostly black inner-city housing project afflicted with drugs, guns and poverty.

The main character is bumbling but dedicated superintendent Thurgood Stubbs, whose world includes his loving wife, Muriel, ornery tenants and a pack of scruffy buddies who drink oversized bottles of beer. One character is a crack-cocaine addict. An elderly tenant eats dog food.

It's all part of a new Fox-animated comedy series, "The PJs," and although many of the creators — including Eddie Murphy — are black, some critics such as filmmaker Spike Lee are raising questions about whether some laughs are off-limits.

"I'm not saying we're above being made fun of... but it's really hateful, I think, towards black people. Plain and simple," Lee said.

Larry Wilmore, co-creator of "The PJs," sees a double standard in the entertainment field. He points out that Lee made dramatic hay out of black crack addicts in his film "Jungle Fever."

"Why can't a satire be given the same respect a drama's given?" Wilmore said. "How come a rapper can say, 'Hey, I'm just keeping it real, this is my art?' Why can't we say that in comedy?"

Murphy had no comment on Lee's criticism, a spokeswoman said.

Some of the stories on "The PJs" revolve around themes that could take place in any setting, urban or suburban: Stubbs catching young tenant Calvin and a friend trying to ditch school; Muriel acting as diet police for her chubby husband.

But "The PJs" weaves in harsh reality. In one episode, Stubbs and his tenants test a new security door with gunfire. Another time, Stubbs carries a TV set out onto the street knowing police immediately will sus-

pect him of theft. Lee, who has criticized other TV comedies for fostering stereotypes, white film directors for making what he considers poor films about slavery and Quentin Tarantino for racial epithets in "Jackie Brown," is not alone in criticizing "The PJs."

Several Los Angeles-area black groups came out against the show before it aired, although NAACP officials have reserved judgment, saying they are reviewing the program.

"I don't think it painted a very salutary picture of African-American culture," said Jesse Rhines, assistant professor of political economy at Rutgers University and author of "Black Film-White Money," a history of blacks in movies.

"I don't know whether or not this series could serve to benefit blacks or push blacks toward improving their condition — except the ones who are tied to the program and are profiting from it financially."

But the final vote on "The PJs" should rest with viewers, Wilmore said. "Why do black people need Spike Lee to speak for them?" he asked.

Among all viewers the series had a robust Jan. 10 debut, with more than 12 million homes tuning in. It slipped to about 7 million homes in its third airing on Jan. 19.

Wilmore argues that the series is a satire and not just a bid for cheap laughs. When Stubbs and his pals are shown drinking big bottles of beer, it's to make a point about how alcohol has undermined their lives, Wilmore said.

"How is that hateful towards anybody?" he asked.



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The animated crew of "The PJs," Fox's three-episode-old comedy series that has raised criticism due to its blunt take on life in the projects.



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NBA ROUNDUP

Barry joins Bulls

■ The Bulls signed free agent Brent Barry to a six-year, \$27 million contract to help replace Michael Jordan.

The Associated Press

Brent Barry is no Michael Jordan, but he'll have to do for now. Barry, a free-agent guard, joined the Chicago Bulls Monday, signing a six-year, \$27 million contract.

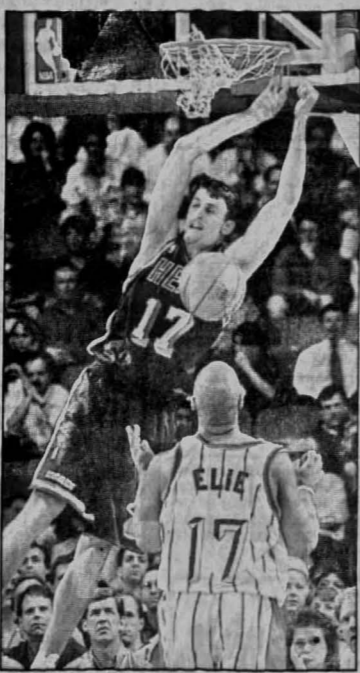
The former NBA slam dunk champion and son of Hall of Famer Rick Barry, averaged 9.6 points per game in three seasons with the Los Angeles Clippers and Miami Heat.

"If he does play well in Chicago, then they think they've got the next Michael Jordan," Miami coach Pat Riley said.

The Bulls also renounced the rights to forward Scott Burrell. Meanwhile, Michael Olowokandi, the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft from Pacific University, was released from his contract with Kinder Bologna of the Italian League and will join the Los Angeles Clippers.

The 7-foot-1 center had signed with Kinder about 24 hours before the NBA and its players agreed recently to end the owners' lockout. Olowokandi's deal with Kinder bound him to the club until Feb. 15, but the team reportedly decided to release him and save money because he had averaged only 7.7 points and 5.6 rebounds in six games in Italy.

Guard Steve Nash, acquired in a draft-day trade from



Pat Sullivan/Associated Press

Heat guard Brent Barry dunks the ball in Houston on March 5, 1998. Barry, a free agent, joined the Chicago Bulls on Monday.

Phoenix, signed a six-year contract extension with the Dallas Mavericks that reportedly is worth \$18 million.

Bobby Hurley, a five-year NBA veteran, who suffered life-threatening injuries in a two-car accident in his rookie season with the Sacramento Kings, was waived by the Vancouver Grizzlies. The Grizzlies had acquired Hurley, a former Duke star, in a four-player deal with Sacramento last Feb. 18.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN



Rick Stevens/Associated Press

Andre Agassi plays a shot during his match against countryman Vince Spadea at the Australian Open on Monday. Spadea won the match 6-1, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

Agassi's career on decline

■ Another disappointing loss raises questions of possible retirement for Agassi.

By Steve Wilstein
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — If Andre Agassi isn't quite ready to announce his retirement, the prospect can't be too far away after his doddering exit from the Australian Open.

Once possessed of the magic to lift his game to the highest level at the first hint of trouble, Agassi looked Monday as if he'd forgotten how to win and didn't much care.

Perhaps age — Agassi will be 29 when the next major, the French Open, rolls around — or long layoffs or interests in other things have conspired to rob him of his reflexes and desire.

Whatever it is, Agassi's 6-1, 7-5, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3 loss to No. 44 Vince Spadea in the fourth round only confirmed the downward spiral of a once-scintillating career.

In Agassi's last six Grand Slam tournaments, which are the only ones he really cares about at this stage, he has faded in the fourth round four times, the first round once and the second round once.

An uninspired Agassi sat out most of 1997, when he dropped as low as No. 122, then climbed back to No. 6 when he rededicated himself to the game last year.

When asked if he could take any encouragement from this tournament, Agassi would have none of that. "No, no," he said softly. "I needed to do better here."

For Agassi, watching time slip away, there is little to keep him in tennis beyond the prospect of winning at least one more major tournament.

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Welch possible scapegoat

■ Tom Welch, former president of the Salt Lake bid committee, is being unfairly blamed, his lawyer says.

By Kristen Moulton
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Tom Welch, who led Salt Lake's decade-long quest for the Olympics, is now being unfairly blamed for its excesses in an ungrateful and naive city, says his lawyer.

"He didn't do anything wrong," said attorney Tom Schaffer, who has begun talking to reporters while advising the former president of the bid and organizing committees to keep quiet.

"When you say something is wrong, to me that means there's a

line over which you are not supposed to go," Schaffer said Monday. "There was no line. There were no rules."

Schaffer said he would be surprised by any criminal indictment of his client. "I do not believe that anything ... was done with criminal intent."

Justice Department investigators looking into the bid have not yet contacted or subpoenaed Welch, Schaffer said. Welch has met for several hours on two occasions with the Organizing Committee's ethics panel, but has spoken to no other investigators.

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