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A piece of Sudan on the prairie

More than 50 Sudanese families call Iowa City home, having fled a fundamentalist government

By Sara Faiwell
The Daily Iowan

Yousif Abdallah sometimes refers to himself as the "prisoner of Iowa City" because he hibernates for roughly seven months during the year.

The father of seven said he only knows two seasons in his native Sudan — summer and hell — and he has had difficulty adjusting to the severe Iowa winters.

"My grandmother overdressed me to protect me from any disease," he said. "Therefore, I grew up over-sensitive to cold weather — even in hot Sudan."

An Iowa City resident for the past three years, Abdallah, 73, teaches Arabic at the Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center, 2651 Bartelt Road, weather permitting.

More than 50 other Sudanese families also now call Iowa City home after fleeing a fundamentalist government that took power in the northeast African country in 1989. Nearly the entire local Sudanese community has come to rebuild their lives at the low-income Pheasant Ridge Apartments complex, 2626 Bartelt Road.

There, the immigrants are welcomed by the Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center, a nonprofit organization that provides for the changing community's needs. English as a Second Language classes, Arabic lessons for children, and daycare are provided at no cost to the families.

"We are open for people on the best days of their lives and the worst days of their lives," said Brian Loring, the executive director of the center, adding that the local Sudanese population has grown in the last three years.

Asma Taha emigrated from Sudan in 1989 and landed in Ohio, Illinois, and Virginia before settling in Iowa City two years ago. The self-described "nomad" now teaches recent immigrants English at the Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center.

"I like Iowa City the most because I feel relaxed here, and my children feel safe," she said.

Taha hasn't seen any other Sudanese neighborhood centers in the United States, she said, and she is attracted to Iowa City for the opportunities it offers her culture.

As the immigrants acclimate themselves to life in America, some still hope they — and democracy — can one day



Hana Gili (right) gives a Sudanese henna to Bothayna Hussian at the Pheasant Ridge Cultural Center on Monday evening. A henna tattoo lasts up to 10 days and is primarily for weddings and other special occasions.

return to Sudan.

"I miss our social clubs, where we gathered and gossiped, discussing everything, invading all social, economic, and political privacies," the now-retired Abdallah said, adding that Iowa City is a great place for raising a family and meeting "good people."

The small Sudanese community is holding strong to its Islamic beliefs.

"We are Muslim and we are Middle Eastern, but we have different views

than the fanatic Muslims do," Taha said. "We want to be viewed differently."

The "ruthless" Sudanese dictatorship is the only barrier keeping Abdallah from returning to his homeland, where, he said, the government murders and burns its citizens without reason.

"Sudan has big potential because the people are good like the Iowans. It is lacking an honest government," he said.

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FBI issues new attack warning

By Karen Gullo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the second time this month, the FBI warned Americans on Monday that terrorists could strike here or abroad, possibly this week. The new alert was based on intelligence reports that Osama bin Laden's terrorist network may strike, officials said.

The information was deemed credible, said Attorney General John Ashcroft, but "unfortunately it does not contain specific information as to the type of attack or specific targets."

The FBI issued a terrorist alert on Oct. 11, saying an attack could come over a period of several days. The new warning specified a strike could come this week.

FBI Director Robert Mueller said the Oct. 11 warning may have helped avert an attack. Ashcroft said the absence of an attack should not lull people "into a false sense of indifference."

"It's important for the American people to understand that these [alerts] are to be taken seriously," he said.

He urged Americans to "go about their lives." But the warning led him to cancel plans to travel Monday to Toronto to address a conference of police chiefs.

Officials said the warning was based in part on intelligence that bin Laden's Al Qaeda network may be agitating to strike again in the aftermath of the U.S.-led bombings on Afghanistan.

"There certainly is intelligence that causes you to be concerned, and possibly that Al Qaeda may be behind it," one senior U.S. official, insisting on anonymity, told the Associated Press.

Ashcroft said federal agencies

were beefing up security and immigration authorities were increasing their efforts to keep suspected terrorists from coming onto U.S. soil.

The alert came as investigators continued to search for the source of the anthrax that has killed three people and infected a dozen others on the East Coast.

So far, scientists have not matched the anthrax mailed from New Jersey with any samples of anthrax available in the United States, a source speaking on the condition of anonymity told the Associated Press.

Investigators suspect that a single person, perhaps a deranged U.S. resident with a biochemistry background, may be behind the attacks.

Ashcroft said the FBI alert went out to 18,000 law-enforcement agencies through an internal warning system.

Terrance Gainer, the District of Columbia executive assistant police chief, said he first learned of the warning when reporters called him. "We ultimately got paged from the FBI

to watch and see it on CNN," he said.

An FBI spokeswoman said the warning went out to police before the news conference.

Gainer said the warning was "too amorphous" to warrant moving his department to its highest state of alert. He said D.C. police would still remain at an increased level of security.

The new warning came as jumpy Americans prepared to celebrate Halloween on Wednesday. Stories circulating on the Internet warned about possible attacks on Halloween. Justice Department spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said authorities had received no specific information about a Halloween attack.

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Bioterrorism attacks a 15th victim

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A New Jersey woman became the nation's 15th confirmed anthrax victim Monday, and spores turned up in at least three additional government buildings in a slow, steady spread of bioterrorism. "We believe that the country must stay on the alert, that our enemies still hate us," said President Bush.

Three weeks into a new age of anthrax, experts puzzled over an unexplained substance found among spores in a letter to Senate

Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

In New Jersey, officials announced the 15th diagnosis of anthrax in the nation since early this month, the first involving an individual with no apparent connection either to the mail service or the media.

The woman, whose name was not disclosed, has been treated successfully for the skin form of the disease, and she was released from the hospital, authorities said. Officials said she works at a business near the Trenton-area Hamilton

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Officials detail plans for 'suspicious mail'

By John Molseed
The Daily Iowan

Following the lead of the U.S. Postal Service, UI Public Safety and health officials urged faculty members to carefully examine mail before opening it in a memo sent Oct. 26.

"It's pretty much common sense," said Duane Papke, the associate director of Public Safety. "We are fine-tuning our cautions and procedures of handling suspicious mail to bring them more in line with what is being done nationally."

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For UI students, X doesn't mark the spot

By Casey Wagner
The Daily Iowan



Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan
Spencer Bettis of Boy Scout Troop 212 plays ski ball with his troop members Monday evening at Planet X. The fun center has been attracting families but not the UI students it had hoped for when it moved into the Old Capitol Town Center.

UI officials told the owner of Planet X that his business would attract three times as many students if he relocated to Old Capitol Town Center in August.

Approximately three months later, owner Dave Full locks his doors and shuts off the lights an hour before he is scheduled to close. In September, his sales went up 10 percent — most of the money coming from families, he said. It appears students have little interest in the venture that Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services, thought would provide an alternative to the bar scene.

As of Oct. 16, the business has sold only 483 of the 6,000

activity packages purchased by the university, leaving more than \$46,000 of the \$50,000 the university loaned the business not returned.

Jones said he had no expectations of how quickly the activity passes would be sold, but he is confident he will see the revenue eventually.

"For years, people have told us there is nothing to do downtown except go to the bars," Jones said. "The idea is that it is a service to students."

As an incentive to move downtown, Jones loaned Planet X \$50,000 — money left over from student fees — to pay for expensive moving and remodeling costs.

With the money, the universi-

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The Old Capitol flag will fly at half-staff today due to the death of Richard Carlson, a professor emeritus in physics.



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CITY & STATE

Attacks reshape schools' missions

By Nick Narigon
The Daily Iowan

DES MOINES — Preparing college students to preserve a safe and secure future for the United States is the most important task facing university administrators in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, said state leaders.

Several officials, including UI President Mary Sue Coleman and Gov. Tom Vilsack, spoke of universities' need to educate both students and the community in times of a national crisis. The remarks were made at a forum held Monday night at Drake University in Des Moines. Former NBC News President Michael Gartner moderated the discussion, which placed both the nation's safety and the responsibility of political challenge in the hands of America's youth.

"The worst thing that could happen on university campuses is that we lose confidence for the future," Vilsack said to a group of approximately 80 listeners. "The one way we can contribute is to do [everything] better than the way we did it before Sept. 11."

Universities must now shoul-

der the responsibility of educating the American people in preparing for future crises as they face new uncertainties, Coleman said.

"People, particularly the professors, have an extraordinary desire to help," she said.

At the same time, university students must challenge the conventional wisdom of the government, said Drake rhetoric Professor Robert Hariman.

"We are seeing the emergence of a new Cold War," he said. "We need to monitor the effect of that war on society. We are in a battle of civilizations. Until we examine our foreign policy, we will be in trouble."

But student activism may not be reaching the heights seen during the Vietnam War. Very few protests have been staged on the UI campus in reaction to the American war on terrorism because the current chapter of the conflict began on U.S. soil, Coleman said, adding that it is important to allow everyone to express her or his views.

"The impact is very immediate. It is our issue" she said. "We must continue monitoring what the government decides to

do and keep it open for debate."



Gary Fandel/Des Moines Register
Gov. Tom Vilsack listens to UI President Mary Sue Coleman during a discussion of higher education in times of a crisis.

The recent surge in patriotism had some at Monday's forum looking to universities to teach the meaning of being an American — a lesson, Vilsack contended, that the country has forgotten.

"The university can remind us what it is to be American," he said. "We have lost a sense of American history, and that is too bad."

Drake University President David Maxwell said universities must also teach students about other cultures in light of the trend toward globalization.

"To some extent, clearly there is evidence of a failure of the United States to understand other cultural perspectives," he said.

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Lobby lawmakers on tuition, Klenske urges students

By Tony Robinson
The Daily Iowan

UI Student Government President Nick Klenske encouraged students to lobby lawmakers and the state of Iowa Board of Regents to preserve the affordability of education at the UI in an e-mail Monday.

However, one local lawmaker said student lobbying will not make a difference.

"The days of low tuition at the UI are long gone," said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City.

UISG officials said they question the need for an 18.5 percent tuition hike being weighed by

the regents after Gov. Tom Vilsack announced across-the-board cuts. When more agencies share the effects of the budget cuts, the UI could experience a smaller — although still severe — effect, Klenske said.

"The budget is going to get worse and worse every year unless students and parents contact legislators and express their concerns," he said.

Klenske sent the 50-line e-mail after the UI Office of Student Services unofficially revoked a policy restricting the length of mass e-mails. Klenske said he was notified of the change by UI officials approxi-

mately two weeks ago. Before that, a policy set by university officials limited mass e-mails by student groups to 15 lines — a procedure UI President Mary Sue Coleman said she would follow voluntarily after criticism from students. University officials said the policy was lifted after a discussion with Information Technology Services officials, who said limiting the size of e-mails hindered communication.

Vilsack has also urged UI students to communicate with state legislators about hardships resulting from high tuition.

Iowa House Minority Leader Dick Myers, D-Coralville, said citizen involvement is important in the legislative process, but the best students can hope for is an effect in the future. Budget cuts are an immediate problem, and students lobbying is not an immediate answer, he said.

"None of our problems as far as revenues will be solved next year," Myers said. "The best we can hope for is taking a look at the allocation of funds to prevent future shortfalls."

Regent Amir Arbisser predicted large tuition increases for the next couple of years to ensure the quality of education at the UI. He said student lobbying may

help sensitize the regents for future decisions, but they will have small short-term effects.

"Quality at higher education institutions is the regents' No. 1 concern," he said. "And the only way to maintain this quality right now is to hike the tuition."

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CITY & STATE BRIEFS

UI student charged with assault

A UI student was charged with assault causing injury Monday after he allegedly struck his roommate with a brick.

According to Johnson County court records, Nicholas James Miner, 22, struck his roommate in his left arm during an argument on Oct. 27.

Iowa City police were called to Miner's residence, 505 E. Jefferson St., at 3:05 a.m., responding to reports of a fight.

When officers arrived, they spoke to the alleged victim, who told police that he was struck on the left arm with a brick and had sustained an injury to the arm. Miner told police that a fight had occurred, stemming from an argument, and acknowledged that he struck the victim with a brick, according to court records.

Miner was released on his own recognizance from the Johnson County Jail; he is restricted to in-state travel. A date for a preliminary hearing has yet to be set.

— by Sean Thompson

Police alert public to local sex offender

Iowa City police and the Iowa Department of Public Safety are informing the public that a sex offender is living in the area.

Brian Joseph Bazyn, 33, is registered with the Iowa Sex Offender Registry and resides at 3404 Shamrock Drive. He was convicted of indecent exposure in Johnson

County on Oct. 29, 1997. The victim was a female whose age remains undisclosed.

Bazyn is a white male, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds. He has brown hair and blue eyes and is considered by the Iowa Department of Public Safety to be at "moderate risk" to re-offend.

Police say the notification serves only as a means for members of the public to protect themselves; any action taken against Bazyn or his family, including vandalism of property and oral or physical assault, can result in arrest and prosecution.



Bazyn
sex offender

— by Tony Robinson

Man pleads guilty in Iowa city Firststar robbery

DAVENPORT (AP) — A former Iowa City man pleaded guilty on Monday to robbing the Firststar Bank in Iowa City in December 2000.

William Robert Hill, 53, appeared in U.S. District Court. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison when he is sentenced on Jan. 17, 2002.

Hill presented a note and received cash at the bank on Dec. 18, 2000, court records show. He was arrested in April in the state of Oregon.

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COUNCIL PROFILE First in a four-part series

Cohen feels qualified for council

By Vess Mitev
The Daily Iowan

Leah Cohen sees herself as a representative of the students and Iowa City residents who crowd into the booths of her restaurant and bar each night.

The 49-year-old owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., is seeking one of two at-large seats on the Iowa City Council.

"I am at the center of hearing our citizens talk," Cohen said. "I appeal to the old as well as the young."

Although Councilor Dee Vanderhoef agrees with Cohen on such issues as the alcohol ordinance and increasing downtown business opportunities, she said there is a steep learning curve for newcomers to the council that could prove difficult.

"Could I work with Leah? Sure, but even if you're up on the issues, you can't step into a councilor position without working knowledge," Vander-

hoef said.

Cohen, a single mother of two, was motivated to throw her hat in the ring because of low voter turnout in the last council race, in 1999.

"At that point, I was determined to run if I felt I was qualified," said the Waukon, Iowa, native. "I feel like I'm qualified. I'm up on the issues, and I think I've gotten real good experience."

Her four years on the Police Citizens Review Board, 18 years at Bo-James, and 21 years in Iowa City give her a unique view on current issues, she said.

Cohen said she disagrees with raising the age requirement for bars to 21, a possibility that has been discussed by the council, because it would cause more problems than it would solve.

"It would put students in the neighborhoods instead of downtown," she said. "Also, it would be devastating for thousands of college students who work in the bars."

"Cedar Falls [home to the



Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan

At-large City Council candidate Leah Cohen talks during a live forum on Public Access TV on Monday.

UNI] lowered the age to 19 after seven years of trying to uphold the law. Ames is 21, but its Greek system doesn't have the dry campus rule," Cohen said.

Students will also be affected by a number of other measures, including a proposed nuisance ordinance that would heavily fine landlords and others who violate its stipulations. Such meas-

ures should encourage students to get involved with local politics, Cohen said.

"These issues matter, and [students] need to be aware of them," she said.

Cohen faces incumbents Councilor Mike O'Donnell and Mayor Ernie Lehman and newcomer John Robertson in the Nov. 6 election.

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Critics take aim at Red Cross fund

By Diego Ibarquen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The American Red Cross acknowledged Monday that some of the \$550 million in donations to a special fund established for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will be used for other broad-based needs instead.

"It takes a lot of money to do a lot of work. We believe very much that we are honoring donor intent," Red Cross spokesman Mitch Hibbs said. "Yes, we are helping the families, but we're also helping everyone else."

Soon after the attacks, the Red Cross took the unusual step of creating a special account, the Liberty Fund, that was designated for terrorism-relief efforts.

But a portion of that money will go to such activities as a blood-reserve program, a national outreach effort, and a telecommunications upgrade.

Philanthropic watchdogs, while careful to note the Red Cross meets high standards overall, said the group has not clearly publicized its distribution plans for the Liberty Fund. They also questioned the need for a separate collection effort in the first place.

"I wish they hadn't set up that separate fund," said Daniel Borochoff, the president of the American Institute of Philanthropy, a watchdog group based in Bethesda, Md. By doing so, he said, the Red Cross may have created unrealistic expectations that all donations would go directly to victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We've begun to receive inquiries from the public, raising questions about the distributions of 9-11 funds," said Bennett Weiner, a spokesman for the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, in Arlington, Va. "I think the public certainly expects the 9-11 relief

organizations to follow through" by helping the victims of the attacks.

Donations to the Red Cross typically go into its Disaster Relief Fund, a general account designed to meet emergencies of all types. But soon after the Sept. 11 attacks, Red Cross President Bernadine Healy created the Liberty Fund as a special account targeted for victims of the attacks.

Disputes between Healy and members of the Red Cross Board of Directors over creation of the account and the uses of the money were among the issues that led to her resignation on Oct. 26.

"I strongly oppose commingling of the monies with any other Red Cross disaster funds. Reasonable people can differ," Healy said last week.

Borochoff said the Red Cross still receives an "A" rating from his group, but it needs to be more specific with plans for the money it has raised since the tragedy rather than appearing to use the crisis "as a way to get money for more general purposes."

Fund raising for the Liberty Fund has been so successful that the Red Cross expects to close out the effort, though no date has been set.

Of the \$550 million pledged so far, Hibbs said, the Red Cross expects to spend more than \$300 million over the next several months on disaster relief related to the attacks.

In particular, \$100 million has been set aside for its Family Gift program, which provides victims' families with money to help cover immediate expenses.

Another \$100 million will go to disaster-relief services in New York City, Washington, Pennsylvania, and other sites. That includes meals, shelter, counseling, childcare, and relocation assistance.

The latest available figures show that \$356 million has actually been collected.

Court declines to take school-prayer case

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court turned away a challenge to Virginia's mandatory minute of silence in schools Monday, declining to take a closer look at the silent-prayer issue it last examined 16 years ago.

Opponents say the Virginia law flies in the face of previous high-court rulings on separation of church and state. Supporters say children are not forced to pray — they can stare out the window if they choose.

The court's action means the state's morning minute of silence will remain in force, and opponents have no immediate avenue to challenge it.

Virginia Attorney General Randolph Beales said the court action vindicated the state.

"It guarantees Virginia's schoolchildren will continue to have a minute each day to reflect on their studies, to collect their thoughts, or, if they so choose, to bow their heads and pray."

The action came as the spreading anthrax scare led the Supreme Court to move from its Capitol Hill headquarters for the first time in six decades. The

justices set up in a borrowed courtroom in a federal courthouse far less grand than their velvet-hung home chambers.

The justices did not comment in leaving the Virginia law intact. Their action was not a ruling on the merits of the law or of the church-state challenge mounted by the American Civil Liberties Union, but it did indicate that the case could not muster the minimum four justices needed to hear an appeal.

The Supreme Court struck down a similar Alabama law in 1985, saying the law encouraged students to pray. The question for the court this time was whether the Virginia law is truly evenhanded — neither encouraging nor discouraging prayer.

"The word 'prayer' is something that just ticks off a lot of people, but not to include prayer would be discriminatory against it," said Virginia state Sen. Warren Barry, who sponsored the 2000 law.

The law makes the minute of silence mandatory for Virginia's 1 million public-school pupils and specifically lists prayer as one silent activity they might choose. The law's preamble states its

purpose as assuring that "free exercise of religion be guaranteed within the schools."

The ACLU sued on behalf of seven students and their families, arguing that the law cannot be reconciled with the court's 1985 ruling.

"Although the statute permits students to engage in other forms of silent or meditative activity during the time period set aside in the classroom, the statute was enacted specifically to facilitate and encourage school prayer at that fixed time," the ACLU wrote.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 in July that the law is constitutional. "Because the state imposes no substantive requirement during the silence, it is not religiously coercive," the majority ruled.

The First Amendment guarantees both that government will not promote or establish religion and that Americans may exercise their chosen reli-

gion freely. In practice, that has meant shifting standards for what is allowed in public places such as schools.

The justices banned organized prayer during class hours in the 1960s and classroom display of the Ten Commandments in 1980. In the past decade, the court has banned clergy-led prayer at high-school graduation ceremonies, and student-led prayer at football games.

The high court has never said a truly neutral moment-of-silence law runs afoul of the constitutional separation of church and state. A handful of states have laws similar to Virginia's that both require the silent period and specifically mention prayer as one option.

Many more states have laws that allow individual school districts to choose whether to observe silent periods. Some of those laws specifically link silence to prayer, but most do not.

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Alliance looks for more help

By Steven Gutkin
Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — With the frontlines in Afghanistan largely unchanged despite U.S. air strikes, opposition commanders insisted Monday that they plan a major offensive — but they said it could not succeed without stepped-up American attacks to break down Taliban defenses.

There were signs the United States was willing to increase attacks on Taliban forces. Strikes on the northern front entered their second week Monday with thunderous explosions and blinding streaks of light in the skies over this battle zone north of the capital.

The opposition Northern Alliance has barely advanced here or at the key northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif to the northwest. Opposition commanders have welcomed stepped-up bombing over the past week, but they say more is needed.

In Washington, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clark said Monday the U.S. military extended its bombing toward the Afghan border with Tajikistan, where Taliban troops are preventing opposition forces from reaching Mazar-e-Sharif.

And Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld rejected criticism that the United States wasn't

doing enough to help the alliance, saying Washington was eager for an opposition advance.

"We are anxious to have all the forces on the ground move forward and take whatever they can take away from the Taliban and Al Qaeda," he said at the Pentagon. "Our hope is that they will work their way into the major cities and the major airports."

Rumsfeld said airdrops of ammunition to opposition fighters have begun, and coordination of targets has become more effective. "We're dropping thousands of pieces of ordnance to assist them in addressing the Taliban forces that are arrayed against them," he told CNN.

In other developments:

- American air strikes on Afghanistan have killed some leaders of the Taliban military and the Al Qaeda network but not the top ones, Rumsfeld said.

- Gen. Tommy Franks — the commander in chief of the U.S. Central Command and head of American forces in the Afghanistan campaign — arrived in Islamabad to discuss the operation with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, a key U.S. ally in the campaign.

- Japanese lawmakers voted to allow the country's troops and naval vessels to help in the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan as long as they do not go into combat —



Misha Japaridze/Associated Press

Northern Alliance fighters fire a Soviet-made D-30 howitzer near the opposition-controlled village of Al-Khanum, Afghanistan, on Monday. A Soviet-made BM-21 rocket launcher sits in the background.

a loosening of restrictions that have bound Japan's military since World War II.

At Bagram, a frontline 30 miles north of Kabul, the Taliban "are as strong as ever," said Allah Mohammed, a commander who leads a group of rebel fighters posted 300 yards from Taliban forces. Opposition commanders say the Taliban has put its fiercest fighters on the frontlines to secure the capital, Kabul.

U.S. fighter jets roared high over Bagram on Monday, dropping bombs behind the Taliban's lines. Explosions rang out from

all sides, as the Taliban responded with anti-aircraft fire and pounded alliance positions with rockets, mortars, and artillery. U.S. jets also carried out air strikes Monday night around the southern city of Kandahar — headquarters of the Taliban militia — and there were reports of "huge explosions" near the airport.

Opposition spokesman Ashraf Nadeem said top commanders had met to plan a major offensive for this week to take Mazar-e-Sharif from the Taliban.

Budget surplus slipping away

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After nearly a decade of an improving bottom line, the government's budget surplus shrank to \$127 billion for 2001, approximately half the previous year's record total.

The sour economy and rising spending will probably wipe out the surplus altogether in the current budget year that began Oct. 1, analysts said.

The smaller 2001 surplus, announced by the Bush administration Monday, followed the record \$237 billion in 2000.

The latest snapshot of the government's finances marked the first time since 1992 that the balance sheet didn't show an improvement. At that time, the government's deficit had bloated to a record \$290 billion. In subsequent years, the deficit shrank; since 1998, the government has registered surpluses.

While the Congressional Budget Office's last official projection had forecast a \$176 billion surplus for the current fiscal year, CBO officials had told Congress in late September that they expected a much smaller surplus of between \$36 billion and \$56 billion. Many economists believe that number will be revised in coming months, and the government will end up posting a deficit in 2002, the first short-

fall since 1997.

"Not only is the government having to ante up for the costs associated with terrorist attacks and the military response, but it is also struggling with weakening tax revenue and stronger growth in expenditures associated with the recessionary economy," said Mark Zandi, the chief economist at Economy.Com.

I'm optimistic about the economy. How long it will take to recover to the levels that we hope is beyond my pay grade.

— President Bush

Bush administration officials are hoping that a strong economic rebound next year will stave off a return of budget deficits.

"I'm optimistic about the economy," President Bush said Monday. "How long it will take to recover to the levels that we hope is beyond

my pay grade." Mitchell Daniels, the president's budget director, cautioned, "We must make sure that this is not the last surplus by limiting additional spending to purposes directly related to the nation's battle against terrorism."

Even with the deterioration in the government's finances, the 2001 surplus was the second-biggest in U.S. history. Government finances have not shown so many consecutive years of surplus since before the Great Depression, an 11-year string of surpluses that ended in 1930.

The government's final accounting for 2001 showed that it used \$33.5 billion of the Social Security surplus to pay for other programs.

U.S. to clamp down on student visas

By Sandra Sobieraj
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush ordered a crackdown Monday on foreign-student visas — the documents that gave one of the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackers access to this country.

"We're going to start asking a lot of questions that heretofore have not been asked," he said.

As he chaired the debut meeting of his Homeland Security Council, the president also put Attorney General John Ashcroft at the helm of a new task force on tracking terrorists and making sure they do not slip into the United States.

Bush instructed the Justice, Treasury, and State departments to work with Canada and Mexico on a shared immigration and customs database that would make all three nations' cross-border policies compatible.

He asked White House science and technology experts to work with the CIA on recommendations to use advanced technology in enforcing immigration laws.

"We welcome legal immigrants ... We welcome the process that encourages people to come to our country to visit,

to study, or to work," Bush said. "What we don't welcome are people who come to hurt the American people, and so therefore, we're going to be very diligent with our visas and observant with the behavior of people who come to this country."

Bush gave few details about what changes foreign students might expect except to say his administration will "tighten up the visa policy" and keep an eye on students after they arrive.

"We're going to make sure that when somebody comes, we understand their intended purpose and that they fulfill the purpose on their application," Bush said.

Mohamed Atta, who is suspected of being at the controls of one of the two jets that crashed into the World Trade Center, was allowed to enter the country after immigration officials determined that he had an application for a student visa pending. Approximately 600,000 foreigners are admitted each year on student visas, and more than 26,000 U.S. colleges and universities are authorized to enroll them.

"We're generous with our universities. We're generous with our job opportunities," Bush said in the White House Cab-

net Room. "And never did we realize that people would take advantage of our generosity to the extent they have."

The counterterrorism legislation that Bush signed into law Oct. 26 included \$36.8 million to put in place before the end of the year a database to track foreign students. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on immigration, "agrees tighter controls are needed" and has already introduced legislation restricting student visas, said spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter.

Flanked by Secretary of State Colin Powell and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Bush said the American people appeared to be bouncing back from the trauma of Sept. 11. "I find the mood of the country to be incredibly refreshing and strong and powerful," he said.

Some lawmakers have proposed a six-month moratorium on new foreign-student visas until a system for tracking them can be implemented. Bush stopped short of that step Monday.

The new task force, which is to be up and running by Thursday, will also coordinate efforts by government agencies to

locate, detain, prosecute, or deport terror-group associates who already live here.

"The country must stay on alert," Bush said. "Our enemies still hate us."

Ashcroft and Powell, who just a few months ago were considering relaxing the immigration system for guest workers, will lead the effort to tighten controls on student visas.

U.S. eyes creating Afghan base

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is considering setting up a base inside Afghanistan from which commandos, and possibly conventional ground troops, would launch missions against Taliban and terrorist targets, Defense officials said Monday.

This option, which Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld hinted at in a Pentagon news conference, could indicate the U.S. military is planning more aggressive moves against the Taliban, the Islamic militia that rules most of Afghanistan and harbors Osama bin Laden.

More than three weeks of aerial bombardment by Navy fighter-bombers flying from aircraft carriers in the Arabian Sea and by Air Force bombers and fighters based hundreds of miles from Afghanistan have neutralized the Taliban's air defenses but have not yet rooted out the terrorists.

Rumsfeld said when the bombing began Oct. 7 that air power alone would not be enough to win the battle in Afghanistan and that special-operations forces would play a key role. In the only acknowledged mission by special-operations forces so far, more than 100 Army Rangers parachuted onto an airfield in south-

ern Afghanistan from an MC-130 aircraft on Oct. 20 and left after several hours.

Troops on the ground will probably be needed to capture or kill bin Laden and other leaders of his Al Qaeda network, but past wars in Afghanistan — notably the former Soviet Union's failure after 10 years of fighting — have shown the high cost of a conventional large-scale ground invasion.

Rumsfeld was asked about a USA Today report that said U.S. forces may soon establish a forward base in Afghanistan that would support 200 to 300 commandos. The newspaper, quoting an unidentified Defense official, said the base might be in northern Afghanistan.

"You're asking if we're considering doing something additional in various ways," Rumsfeld said. "Needless to say, that's our job — to consider much different things, and we do." He said he had nothing to announce.

A senior Defense official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said U.S. planners were considering many possibilities, including the idea of a forward operating base in Afghanistan and other ways of using ground forces.

President Bush on Monday was asked whether Americans are prepared to see a large number of ground troops committed

in Afghanistan. He said the public knows the administration is "steady, determined, and patient." He said he appreciates advice from Congress, but he would not say whether ground troops are going in.

"I'm pleased with the progress we're making, and I'm really pleased the American people are patient," he said.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said on Sunday the administration should be thinking about deploying a large-scale ground force in Afghanistan.

"We're going to have to put troops on the ground," he said. "We're going to have to put them in force. And although they will not be permanent, they are going to have to be very, very significant."

Asked about using ground forces, the top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee said he put his trust in the Pentagon officials making the decisions.

"They're doing it right," Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said. "I find no fault with the military efforts. The Northern Alliance, the armchair strategists — they don't need to tell anyone what to do. They know what to do. That's why they're generals and admirals. They're doing it right, from what I see."

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Anthrax continues to spread

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Township mail-processing center, which is shut down because of the discovery of anthrax contamination. The facility processed anthrax-laced letters sent to Daschle as well as NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw and the *New York Post*.

The woman developed a lesion on her forehead Oct. 17, and a skin test was taken a week later, officials said. The woman left the hospital on Sunday, one day before biopsy results were returned that showed she had had anthrax.

Administration officials sought to reassure the public that mail was safe. But the New York Area Postal Union filed suit trying to force the closure of a vast processing and distribution center where traces of anthrax were found on four machines. The Postal Service has sealed off the machines and says the rest of the building is safe.

And there was less reassuring news from the investigation into the nation's unprecedented struggle against bioterrorism. Thus far in an intensive probe, said Homeland Security Direc-

tor Tom Ridge, "there are a lot of theories out there; we just need some facts to turn a theory into a reality."

In all, three people have died and an additional 12 have been confirmed ill with anthrax in the nation's worst experience with bioterrorism. Among the 15, seven involve skin anthrax, and the remaining eight — including all three deaths — the more dangerous inhalation form of the disease.

The number of contaminated locations continued to grow. The Supreme Court, State Department, and a third government office building that houses the Voice of America and Food and Drug Administration were added to the list, with evidence of contamination found in mailrooms in each structure. That followed the disclosure Sunday that a small amount of anthrax had been found in the Justice Department's main building.

Congress, too, struggled to be rid of the bacteria. Officials awaited final test results from the Longworth House Building, where contamination was reported on the night of Oct. 26 in three lawmakers' offices on upper floors.

Senate officials have scouted a downtown Washington hotel

as an alternate site in the event of future disruptions, several sources said.

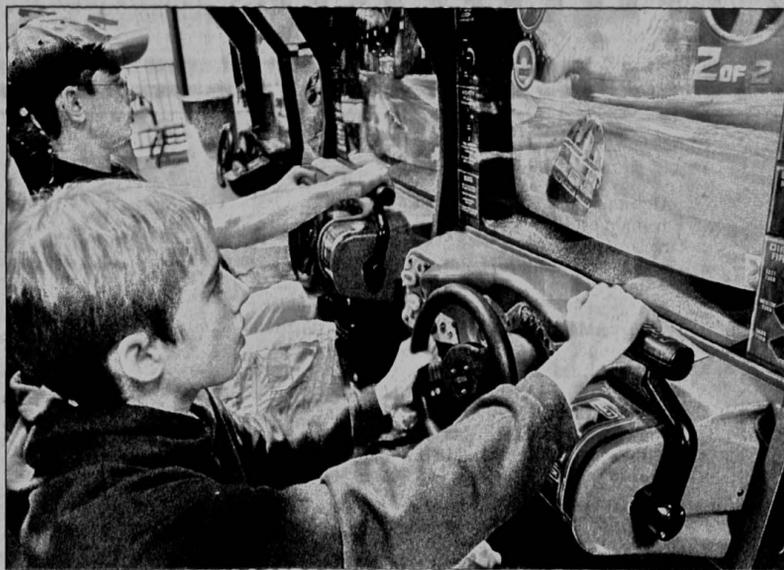
In the Senate, lawmakers announced plans to use a chlorine gas to kill anthrax bacteria in the Hart Senate office building, a process that will span more than two weeks. Fifty senators have their offices there.

The building houses Daschle's office, the suite where anthrax was discovered two weeks ago in a letter postmarked in Trenton, N.J.

Authorities have said repeatedly that the anthrax found in that letter was more dangerous than spores found in two other tainted letters sent to Brokaw and the *New York Post*.

At a White House briefing, Maj. Gen. John Parker told reporters that silica had been found in the sample taken from the Daschle letter. "We don't know what that motive would be or why it would be there or anything," said Parker, who heads the Army's Fort Detrick laboratory.

He said there was no evidence in the samples of bentonite, a substance that could make anthrax less inclined to clump together and thus be more apt to be inhaled into the lungs.



Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan
Matt Kazinka and Taylor Boyt of Boy Scout Troop 212 race against each other Monday night at Planet X.

UI students not orbiting Planet X

PLANET X

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Students purchased 6,250 activity packages that Planet X offers to discount those packages for UI students. Students are now able to buy an activity package for \$8; other people must pay \$12.

Student groups can also buy the discounted packages and sell them at higher prices to raise money for their organizations, Full said.

"It's like fund raising," he said. "It's not hard to choose between washing cars and selling activity tickets."

Even with those incentives, activities-ticket sales have not attracted university students, many of whom still crowd downtown bars — and then the Johnson County Jail on alcohol-related charges.

Families are the majority of Planet X's customers, Full said. On a typical night, children are playing arcade games and laser

tag, not the college students who were targeted to use the fun center.

"The UI wanted us downtown to provide an alternative to the bar scene," Full said. "Here we are, but what do we need to do to get people here? Sometimes, there's never anyone in here after 8 p.m."

When the business moved downtown, Full expanded the closing time on Friday and Saturday nights to 1 a.m. In his first month at the mall, sales jumped 30 percent, he said. The next month, Full said, the business often closed early because no one came.

To attract more business, the UI Stepping Up Project will place fliers in the mailboxes of university freshmen, advertising the activity packages and an extra incentive when the flier is brought in, Full said.

UI Student Government President Nick Klenske said student government was opposed to using student fees

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— Nick Klenske, UISG president

to fund the business, but he added that Planet X does provide an alternative.

"It is an alternative, but it's not the alternative," he said. "It's mostly a place to go to once, but not every Friday and Saturday night, because it will get old."

Other options must be introduced to truly make a difference, Klenske said, adding that nonalcoholic music venues and dollar theaters are alternatives UISG would like to pursue.

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Officials discuss 'suspicious mail'

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added precaution," he said.

The new precautions are designed to heighten awareness of suspicious mail. The procedures describe suspicious mail using criteria established by the Postal Service, FBI, and the Iowa Department of Public Health.

The new procedures advise UI faculty and staff members to routinely take mail to a room out of traffic before opening. If a suspicious package is opened, the memo says, "Isolate the mail piece, vacate, and secure the room or area if possible."

Anthrax has been spread to 20 different sites on the East Coast through the mail. Witnesses report finding a white, powdery substance in suspicious letters. Fifteen people have contracted the disease,

and three have died from anthrax this month.

The Postal Service released guidelines on identifying and handling suspicious mail to every postal customer last week.

Packages should be examined based on content, postmark, and packaging, and people should look for a return address, according to the guidelines.

"There are a lot of resources and agencies behind the scenes of the procedure," said James Walker, the director of the UI Health Protection Office. "It helps people go through an analytical process before they open their mail."

Walker said the Health Protection Office and Public Safety collaborated with the Johnson County hazardous-material team and area hospitals in designing the procedures.

Public Safety also developed procedures to handle people

You can fool somebody one time. But people are now equipped to recognize a suspicious situation.

— James Walker, UI Health Protection Office director

exposed to chemical or biological substances, Walker said, adding that he doubts whether any dangerous mail would be opened unscreened.

"You can fool somebody one time," he said. "But people are now equipped to recognize a suspicious situation."

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FBI puts out new terrorism alert

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The alert follows the Oct. 26 enactment of new anti-terrorism laws that provide prosecutors with intelligence files on suspected terrorists and give them greater surveillance powers. Tucker said the Justice Department received information about the possibility of an attack on Monday, but she wouldn't comment on whether information gleaned from intelligence files or wiretaps pointed to new attacks.

The attorney general asked citizens to be patient if they encountered additional security measures and to note any suspicious activities.

"We urge Americans in the course of their normal activities to remain alert and to report unusual circumstances and inappropriate behavior to the appropriate authorities," he said.

In other developments, a man whose name appears on an FBI



J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press
President Bush briefs reporters on his first meeting with the Homeland Security Council in the White House Cabinet Room on Monday. At left is Secretary of State Colin Powell.

watch list was indicted in Arizona on charges that he lied on Social Security and Federal Aviation Administration forms.

Malek Mohamed Seif, 36, was

charged with three counts of making false statements and two counts of Social Security fraud, according to the indictment in U.S. District Court.

Bush waives Pakistani sanctions

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush waived the last sanctions against Pakistan on Monday, clearing the way for a fresh infusion of financial aid to the key ally in the U.S.-led military campaign in neighboring Afghanistan.

Bush signed legislation that allows him to waive the sanctions through September 2003. The Clinton administration imposed the punishment after Gen. Pervez Musharraf took over Pakistan's government in a coup.

"What this does is gives the president the flexibility to authorize additional aid to Pak-

istan," said White House spokesman Sean McCormack.

Legislative action was needed to remove the last sanction, which barred all foreign aid to Pakistan. Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the chairman of the House International Relations Committee, said earlier this month it would also facilitate transfer of excess U.S. defense articles to Pakistan.

Bush approved the measure on Oct. 27, but the White House waited until Monday night to disclose the move.

Despite Pakistan's record on democracy and nuclear testing, the Bush administration has gone out of its way to curry favor with the country since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Anti-American and anti-government sentiment has swept across Pakistan since Oct. 7, when the United States began air strikes on Afghan cities and suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden's installations in Afghanistan. The protests have been vehement and sometimes violent.

Last month, Bush dropped sanctions that were imposed on Pakistan and India after those two countries tested nuclear weapons in 1998. The sanctions barred economic and military assistance.

The administration plans to announce as early as this week new aid that could range from \$300 million to \$500 million, administration officials have said.

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In the loop, out of the loop in D.C.

So things seem to be getting just a bit loopy in Washington these days. It's almost as if our leaders have gone "plop," down the rabbit hole.

Especially in the case of Stealth President Cheney.

Oh, I know — I shouldn't say that. In times of crisis, we're not supposed to criticize our leaders or ask questions, we're supposed to rally 'round the flag like good little sheep. Or cattle.

No doubt it's merely simple irony that anthrax is a disease of sheep. And cattle.

So Americans have all these wonderful freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution that they're supposed to be willing to fight for, but as soon as crunch time comes, they're expected to give them up. It's as if people believe that we have freedom of speech, and once a crisis hits, you're allowed to say anything you want, so long as it's "God bless America."

OK. If there is a God, He or She had better bless America, because our leaders seem to be getting just a bit loopy.

Take this anthrax thing. Please, as a Borscht Belt comedian would say.

When Robert Stevens, the photo editor of the *Sun*, died of inhalation anthrax on Oct. 5, Health and Human Services czar Tommy Thompson rushed to tell us that it wasn't a terrorist attack. No worries.

Um, right. A little more than three weeks later, two more people are dead from anthrax, there are 12 more confirmed cases, and thousands of people are lining up to be tested or are taking Cipro. Either somebody wants a bunch of people dead,



Beau Elliot

OUT OF LEFT FIELD

or the sheep and cattle have had enough and they're rising up.

And then there's the manner in which the bioterrorism scare unfolded in Washington. Once an anthrax-tainted letter was discovered in Sen. Tom Daschle's office (Oct. 15), the House of Representatives folded its tents and scurried for cover. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, before any testing was done, announced that the Capitol's ventilation system was contaminated.

It wasn't, as it turns out. Doesn't it give you a warm, fuzzy, secure feeling to realize that your leaders are running around, shouting, The sky is falling, the sky is falling?

And then there's the matter of the Daschle-office anthrax itself. On the day the letter arrived, Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said the anthrax was "very refined, very pure." Daschle said that whoever had sent it knew what he or she was doing.

The Bush/Cheney administration was having none of that, however. Homeland Security czar Tom Ridge, among other officials, said the anthrax had not been "weaponized."

They stuck to this story for five days, until it became more than obvious that Snowe and

Daschle had been right.

"I don't know why they were saying that. It certainly is more sophisticated than what people expected to see." That's the reaction of Allan Rosenfield, the dean of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

Yeah, I know. The "Mailman" School of Public Health. Is Kurt Vonnegut writing this scenario or what?

And speaking of postal workers, what happened to them is almost a crime. Once the Daschle anthrax letter was discovered, we were treated to the sight of congressional employees and other "important" people lining up for tests and Cipro. But the people who handle the mail?

Nobody did diddly for them. "Why didn't we get checked?" said D.C. postal worker Leslie Harris in the *New York Times*. "This stuff has to move from point A to point B. The Senate is point B. We are A. They took care of point B, but what about us? Nobody told us nothing."

As a matter of fact, the Capitol Police dogs were tested for anthrax before the D.C. postal workers were.

Yeah, that's right. The dogs. Is this a great country or what?

Things are getting a little loopy in Washington these days. For one thing, it appears we've got a bunch of incompetents scurrying around, pretending to be leaders.

And as Vonnegut once wrote, "We are what we pretend to be, so we must be very careful what we pretend to be."

And so it goes.

Beau Elliot is a *DI* columnist.

Editorial

The demerits of a smoking ban

When dining out, customers often encounter the question smoking or nonsmoking? But if the Iowa City City Council passes a recently proposed ordinance, the question will become a thing of the past.

This past week, the council discussed what exactly is considered a restaurant and what is considered a bar. According to last week's meeting, a restaurant is an establishment in which 65 percent of the revenue comes from food sales. Prior to last week, the magic number defining a restaurant was set at 50 percent — not a big change. However, the Johnson County Tobacco Free Coalition and other groups feel otherwise. The debate, however, is somewhat misguided. Both sides of the issue should focus on

the reality that differentiating bars from restaurants in this way is completely arbitrary, and thus ineffective.

While the proposed smoking ban may sound good in theory, it is likely to prove bad for the community in reality. Numerous other communities and states have tried enacting 24-hour smoking bans, and they have generally taken economic hits because of their efforts. California, for example, implemented a smoking ban in 1998 for bars, taverns, nightclubs, and bars connected to restaurants or hotels. According to the American Beverage Institute, not only did the majority of such establishments notice a decrease in business, but a relatively large 22 percent of businesses ignored the

ban completely. The American Beverage Institute also notes that because of the smoking ban, there was an increase in complaints from and fights between customers.

The Iowa City City Council needs to pay closer attention to some of the difficulties that have occurred in California. A smoking ban will likely only further harm Iowa City's already economically shocked downtown. The council seems to be wasting a lot of time and energy that could be better applied to other concerns. This is not to say that smoke-free establishments are undesirable in any way; it is simply unwise for the city to weaken its downtown businesses solely to protect citizens from something from which they can protect themselves.

Letters to the Editor

Boo Birds aren't Hawks

I have always felt that Hawkeye fans are among the most enthusiastic and supportive in the country. I still do. That is why I was so surprised at the behavior of many fans during the recent football game against Michigan. The booing of our own quarterback was completely without class and caused me to be embarrassed to be a Hawkeye for the first time in my life. Booing the home team is counter-productive and absurd. A coach will not be persuaded one way or another. A player will not perform at a higher level. Conversely, being booed by hometown fans is deflating, akin to being jeered at by family. In addition, people across the nation witnessed this boorish behavior via television, and some of those people were high-school recruits trying to decide where to continue their football careers. I don't think we as fans made a good impression. Again, experience tells me that Hawkeye fans are among the best in the country, and, hopefully, this is an isolated incident that will not occur again.

Kyle Galloway
UI law student and former men's basketball player

After attending the Michigan game, I felt sick. Never in my life was I more ashamed to be a "Hawkeye," if there is such a thing. I had to sit in the stands and listen to the drunken Kinnick faithful boo the most efficient quarterback in the Big Ten in Kyle McCann. Michigan didn't even win the game in my mind. Iowa lost it itself. The defense gave up the big play, the secondary was very shaky yet again, and the special teams stunk... again. McCann is the last person I want to see booed, because there would be no Iowa football team this year without him. McCann is an experienced

five-year senior who knows what it takes to lead and drive the team. Yes, Brad Banks is very quick and very athletic, but he has not proved himself in any way, shape, or form all year long. Banks must not be proving himself in practice, either, because otherwise he would be the starter, not McCann. If there is anyone to blame for the loss, it should be fans, because that was the sickest display of sportsmanship and backing of the Hawks I have ever seen. I think the coaching should be left up to Kirk Ferentz, and when he thinks it is time for Banks to play, he will play. I don't think Ferentz needs any help from the crowd to help him decide which quarterback should play.

Joe Pettit
UI student

As an alumna of the UI, I have always enjoyed the great sportsmanship shown by Hawkeye fans. I love coming back from Nebraska for football games and am proud to say that, even though I live 250 miles away, I am a Iowa football season-ticket holder. Until Oct. 27, that is. I was ashamed to hear Iowa fans booing their own quarterback! Then others (including Jim Zabel on WHO's "Sound-Off") tried to justify it by saying the fans weren't booing McCann, they were booing the coaches' decision to put him in. Frankly, I don't care why they were booing, they were still booing their own team! Many of my friends back in Nebraska who watched the game on ABC told me the announcers were commenting on the fans booing their own team. This does a lot for recruiting — you think some high-school standout who is thinking about Iowa wants to come here if he thinks he's going to get booed by his own fans? Way to create a great image of the UI during a major-network telecast!!! If you don't

like the way the game is played or coached, don't go!!

Kris Woodke
UI alumna

While sitting in the student section at the Iowa-Michigan football game, I was ashamed and disgusted with the way our "fans" booed Kyle McCann throughout the second half. Absolutely embarrassing. The commentators for ABC even were appalled. Kyle has dedicated four years to the football program and put up with a lot of crap, but I have never once heard him complain. Instead, he does what the coaches tell him to do, does all he can for the team, and keeps his mouth shut. The fact of the matter is that any Hawkeye fan who boos a Hawkeye player who is giving his absolute best isn't a true fan at all. I would rather that you sit at home on your couch and boo at the TV than bring your negativity into Kinnick Stadium. How is McCann supposed to lead the Hawkeyes on a game-winning drive in the fourth quarter when he is booed as he steps out on the field? McCann was not the reason Iowa lost the game; everyone made mistakes throughout the game. If you put Brad Banks in as much as McCann, then he is going to make mistakes as well. Some Hawkeye fans seem too have the "fair-weather fan" syndrome: When McCann is doing well, then he gets cheers of support, but once he gets sacked or overthrown a receiver, then the chants for Banks start. I hope that the next time you cheer after a McCann touchdown pass that he turns and gives the student section the finger. But I know that won't happen because McCann has class, unlike any of you that booed him on Oct. 27.

Tim Noonan
UI student



Letter to the Editor

Questioning O'Donnell's plans

I recently received a campaign brochure from City Councilor Mike O'Donnell in which he states: "Now that we have finished our work reinvesting in downtown, it's time to refocus our energies in other areas of the city."

While I agree the City Council has a responsibility to address the needs of all constituents, I must confess I am puzzled by this

statement. Is O'Donnell saying the council's work on downtown is finished now that it has selected a developer to which it is willing to sell the last piece of urban-renewal property for a fraction of its real value? Or does he mean the council's job is completed now that the Iowa Avenue Project has resulted in the loss of immediate and accessible parking for many downtown businesses? Or could it be that O'Donnell feels the council's obligation to down-

town has been met now that a number of unused parking ramps have been built (with another one in the works)?

Perhaps all remaining downtown business owners should take a cue from O'Donnell and relocate their businesses in Coralville. Then we could unequivocally state that reinvesting in downtown is finished.

William Knabe
Iowa City resident

On the Spot

How do you think a smoking ordinance would affect downtown businesses?



"It would hurt them badly."

Matthew Bingley
UI graduate student



"If I was a business owner, I'd be pissed."

Tony Vlasak
UI senior



"It would probably hurt this town."

Nick Paulson
UI junior



"It would affect me, but I'm not sure how it would affect businesses."

Carly Hey
UI sophomore



"I don't really care."

Hilary Malloy
UI junior

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the UI are long gone.
— Mary Mascher,
D-Iowa City.

End of Divining the rage of sexual abuse

By Tracy Nemitz
The Daily Iowan

Despite the insecurity many feel when flying these days, not to mention the long lines and the rigid security checks, UI Writers' Workshop graduate Alexander Chee was determined to make it from New York City to Iowa City for his first book tour.

"It's not so much the fear of flying as much as it is the hassle. If I had to, I would hop on a train to make it to the reading," he said. "People in Iowa City have a respect for what books can do, what writers do."

Chee, who was in the fiction workshop from 1992-94, will read from his first novel, *Edinburgh*, at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., today at 8 p.m.

Edinburgh tells the story of Fee, a Korean-American child who joins a professional boys' choir. The choir director acts out his pedophilic urges on the members of the choir, leaving Fee, his first love, Peter, and his friends violated. The choir director is eventually arrested but not in time to prevent the long-term damage that will play out in the characters' lives as a result of being molested.

Chee said he was not hesitant about confronting the controversial issues his book encompasses; in fact, he hoped that he could put across a more realistic sense of how sexual abuse affects a person.

"I was very discontent with recent literature concerning sexual abuse and pedophiles. It seems some people are trying to make it sexy or acceptable," he said. "They do not address the anger, the self-destruction, the rage that accompanies sexual abuse."

Sexual abuse was not the only issue Chee wanted to explore in *Edinburgh*, though. Originally, he found motivation through a hazy childhood memory.

"I had a vague memory of a boy from my hometown that set himself on fire. I couldn't remember if it was true, or if I had made it up," he said. "I started asking myself, if it was true, why did I have a hard time remembering it? If it was made up, why would I invent it? I became intrigued with the memory and the severity of the observing mind. Why do we remember some things and not remember others?"

Though the initial idea for *Edinburgh* stemmed from a childhood memory, Chee is quick to point out this novel is



Alexander Chee

not based in reality. "While I did draw some from what happened in the lives of people around me and myself, this is not the story of my life," he said. "It is set within a fictional situation and tells of fictional events."

Chee does not limit his career to writing strictly fiction. He has also published poetry, short fiction, literary nonfiction, and a memoir.

"I look at it like a Balkanization of literature. You can learn a lot by going back and forth between genres," he said. "When I begin a piece, I look at what I am writing about, and ask, 'What are you? Are you a poem? Are you non-fiction?' Then I start working further into it."

After leaving Iowa in 1994, Chee began teaching writing classes in New York, a job that has left him wanting more time to pursue his own writing.

"The challenge to find time to write is something every writer talks about periodically," he said. "When I begin writing, I have a sense of being very, very focused. I tend to forget everything else, which does not work, because I have to be present for my students."

Chee moved to New York partly because he wanted to be closer to his family but also because he needed a break after the demanding environment of the workshop.

"All know they can't stay. What happens at the workshop is so intense, you need to go away and digest it for yourself," he said. "But the people are more interested in writing. The workshop allows freedom from the industry. People feel more comfortable doing what they want and not worrying about what 'the next big thing' is."

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Enduring universal devotion

Having become heroes to millions of suburban and collegiate crowds, the Virginia-based Dave Matthews Band is eerily becoming one of "those bands." To be a band that everyone can at least tolerate in the stereo is so difficult that I would almost call it impossible. Even the Beatles would get the boot if *Revolver* were somehow finagled into the Discman of a diehard Sepultura fan. Like a modern-day Sisyphus, the minute any band nears universal adoration, thousands of kids inevitably hate it, if only to be rebellious. Yet, here is Dave Matthews, surviving the folly of his engagement with Glen Ballard (collaborator on DMB's *Every-*



Dave Matthews Band
Live in Chicago 12.19.98

day and the wizard behind Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill*) and accumulating more devotees every day. For those of you wondering what all the hullabaloo is about,

Live in Chicago 12.19.98 explains exactly why the Dave Matthews Band has become one of the most successful studio and touring acts around.

Ousting the attempts of profit-mongering bootleggers, the group has released innumerable official live recordings, but none are as impressive as its latest, *Live in Chicago 12.19.98*. Being that Leroi Moore on sax and Carter Beauford on drums are the only solo-worthy instrumentalists in the band, Dave Matthews calls in a couple special guests to boost the long jams that ornament every tune. Victor Wooten from Bela Fleck and the Flecktones offers, as always, the best bass solos in the business on songs such as

the 10-minute version of "#41" and the rare track "The Maker." Sadly becoming a Dave Matthews Band prop, Tim Reynolds also lends his extraordinary talents to the band as the supplemental guitarist.

For people looking for a starting point to the array of Dave Matthews Band CDs, *Live in Chicago 12.19.98* is the album to get, as it functions essentially as a greatest-hits album. Though most of us have heard all these tracks a thousand times, the recording is still fresh and interesting. Plus, an album that can be played in almost any company is a rare and priceless thing indeed.

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Standing at the forefront of synth-pop

Since the 1981 release of its first album, *Movement*, New Order has been an odd mix of style and attitude — a cutting-edge synth-pop band releasing a formidable string of club-bound singles after emerging from the ashes of the dirge and doom of Joy Division. The 12-inch single of New Order's 1983 release, "Blue Monday" went on to sell more than 3 million copies, and the group is trying its luck again with *Get Ready*, its seventh album.

As the story goes, guitarist Bernard Sumner and bassist Peter Hook were inspired in 1976 to form a band after seeing the Sex Pistols. After recruiting drummer Stephan Morris and enigmatic singer Ian Curtis, they began their career as Warsaw, soon changing their name to Joy Division. After an intense climb to the upper reaches of the U.K. scene, and after releasing two vital and dark albums, Joy Division disbanded following the suicide of Curtis. The guys formed New Order months later, when the remaining members recruited singer/keyboardist/second guitarist Gillian Gilbert.

With the release of *Get Ready*, New Order reaffirms its place at the forefront of British synth-pop. This is an album brimming with pro-



New Order
Get Ready

grammed beats that are prominent enough to make it destined for the discotheque but minimal enough to not detract from the well-crafted songs.

"Primitive Notion" and "Crystal," the first single from *Get Ready*, are classic New Order tracks, combining dance beats and pop sensibilities

with the band's distinctive musical dynamic. This consists of foundational Peter Hook bass lines, programmed beats, keyboards, sparse-yet-effective guitar, and plenty of atmosphere. This mood was formerly the dark and smoky vibes of underground clubs and rainy days when the group was called Joy Division; it is now the strobing of club-house lights and motorway halogens, as New Order demonstrates particularly well on "60 Miles an Hour."

Standout tracks such as "Slow Jam" and "Close Range" take their cues from the gritty beats and keyboard sounds explored on Primal Scream's influential and essential 2000 release, *XTRMNR*. The exploration of this influence, "Rock the Shack," features Primal Scream frontman Bobby Gillespie, and while it taps into

and plays with the harder-hitting sound of Primal Scream, the inconsistency lies in the fact that Gilbert writes pop songs in contrast to Gillespie's caustically political sentiment found on *XTRMNR*.

While the stylistic experiments don't always work, they don't fail, either. The only track that doesn't work is the last track, "Run Wild." It is an emotional acoustic song that not only leaves *Get Ready* with an abrupt and unsatisfying end but also sounds like a discarded Stone Roses B-side.

But an engaging mix of danceable synth-pop makes this album work, and after seven albums, 20 years, and countless EPs and singles, *Get Ready* is a testament to the resiliency and adaptability of New Order.

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Materials Physics/Solid State Physics Seminar, "Terahertz Intersubband Plasmons in Quantum Wells," Carsten Ullrich, University of Missouri-Rolla, today at 10:30 a.m., Room 309, Van Allen Hall.

International Programs Luncheon, "Global Availability and Access to Pharmaceuticals, Crossing Borders: Challenging Boundaries," Jordan L. Cohen, today at noon, 30 N. Clinton St.

History at Lunch, "Cataract Surgery," Stanley Thompson, professor emeritus, department of ophthalmology, today at 12:30 p.m., Auditorium (2-102), Medical Education Building.

Math Physics Seminar, "Advances in the Theory of Type II Factors-Continued," Maria Grazia Viola, today at 1:30 p.m., Room 301, Van Allen Hall.

Tuition Tour 2001, An Open Public Forum on Tuition with UISG President Nick Klenske and Vice President Dan Rossi, today at 6:30 and 9 p.m., International Center Lounge, and Riverview Lounge, Hillcrest.

Kaffeestunde (German Coffee Hour), today at 3:30 p.m., Phillips Hall Lounge (612).

Live at Prairie Lights, Alex Chee, fiction, today at 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

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KFXA (9)	King/Hill	Raymond	Baseball: World Series, Game 3: Arizona at N.Y. Yankees (Live)	3rd Rock	Carey	M*A*S*H	View					
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HIST (31)	The Century	History/Hollywood	A History of Britain	Cemeteries	Blunders	History/Hollywood						
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SPEED (33)	Bike W'k	Thunder	Motorcycle Racing	SBK 2001	Race of Champions	Bike W'k	Thunder	Motorcycle Racing				
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USA (34)	JAG: Recovery	Nash Bridges	Bride of Chucky (R, '98) ** (Jennifer Tilly)	Child's Play 3 (R, '91) * (Justin Whalin)								
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STARZ (3)	Little Vampire	How to Kill Your Neighbor's Dog (R, '00)	Chasing Amy (R, '97) ** (Ben Affleck)	Bamboozled (R, '00)								
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quote of the day

If it's glorious, if it pays well, if it's fun — and I put fun out front — then I'd do it.

— Dee Snider, singer for the '80s glam-metal band Twisted Sister, on reuniting for a Nov. 28 benefit concert to aid victims of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

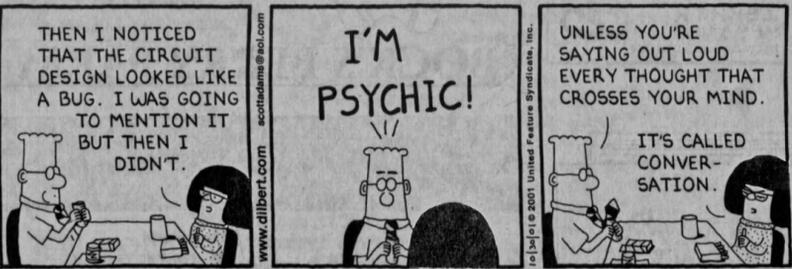
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 1 p.m. Glory 2 Glory
 1:30 p.m. LDS Church
 2 p.m. Our Redeemer Church Service
 3 p.m. Getting to Know Islam
 4 p.m. 24/7 — Returning to God Wholeheartedly
 5 p.m. Senior Spectrum Literature
 5:30 p.m. SCTV Presents: Mature Focus
 6 p.m. Tom's Guitar Show — LIVE!

7 p.m. Karaoke Showcase
 7:30 p.m. Cafecast Live
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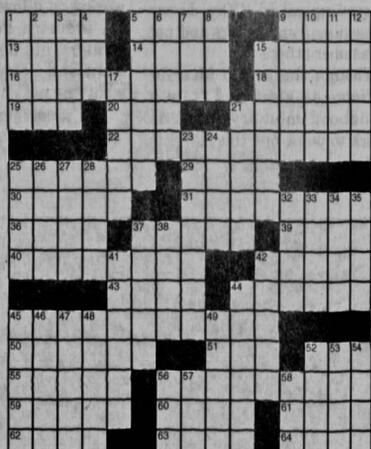
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 14 Lanai neighbor
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 16 "Cantos" poet
 18 Perry's secretary
 19 "Is it soup?"
 20 14-Across instrument
 21 Astronomer Johannes
 22 "S.N.L." star of 1984-85
 25 Hardly chic
 29 Overlook
 30 Day of "Pillow Talk"

31 He wouldn't grow up
 36 Stressed type: Abbr.
 37 Tries for the hole
 39 Green land
 40 Aloof sort
 42 Snacks in shells
 43 —Tea (first instant iced tea)
 44 Group regulations
 45 Yachting prize
 50 Take turns
 51 Charlemagne's realm: Abbr.
 52 H.S. math
 55 1 or 66, notably 1960 #1 hit
 59 Llamas' locale
 60 Have the nerve
 61 Highlands hillside
 62 Employes

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by Scott Morgan

Strange things to have for bathroom reading

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• A complete list of people on the Iowa sex offender registry.

• A Kiss Army membership application.

• Quilting Monthly — in the Delta Tau Delta bathroom.

• The Rainbow Brite collector's price guide.

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Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2001

Questions abound for Alford

Iowa's head coach still has not decided on a starting point guard or who will redshirt this season

By Todd Brommelkamp
The Daily Iowan

Steve Alford was in a downright defensive state of mind Monday.

Iowa's head basketball coach wasn't sniping at reporters' questions — he was focused on his team's play on the defensive end of the court. "I've watched the tape [from Saturday]," he said. "It's brutal defense."

With the Hawks just four days away from opening the exhibition season Thursday night against the Chicago All-Stars, Alford said the team has plenty of work to do.

The rest of this week may just be spent working on footwork drills and other defense-oriented tasks rather than figuring out offensive sets.

"We're not even a Top 25 team defensively right now," Alford said.

Chief among Alford's concerns is the play of big men Jared Reiner and Sean Sonderleiter. Sonderleiter appears to have the inside track on the starting center job, but Alford was quick to point out what fans saw at the Oct. 27 Black and Gold Blowout was not his starting lineup.

Alford has been frustrated with the performances of both Sonderleiter and Reiner, saying that one of the centers does well one day, the other does well the next. What he wants to see is consistency.

"I might as well play [forward] Glen Worley at center," he said. "That's not what I'm looking for [out of them]."

While Alford continues to fret about who will step up and win the center job, he appears to be leaning toward true freshman Pierre Pierce as the heir apparent to Dean

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— Steve Alford,
Iowa coach

Oliver at point guard. Pierce, a high-scoring player in high school, showed poise and presence seldom seen from a first-year player at the Blowout by finding Luke Recker and Reggie Evans for scores or taking the shot when they were closed off.

"I just try to adjust my game to what coach wants me to do," Pierce said. "This team has got two All-Americans on it, so I don't need to score as much."

Alford did not go so far as to

What: Iowa vs. Chicago All-Stars
When: Thursday at 7:05 p.m.
Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena
TV: No TV
Radio: 96.5 FM and 800 AM

Tentative Iowa starters

Pts.	Reb.	Name	Pos.	Year
23		Duez Henderson	Sr.	6-7 210
32		Reggie Evans	Sr.	6-8 245
53		Sean Sonderleiter	So.	6-9 235
3		Pierre Pierce	Fr.	6-4 195
24		Luke Recker	Sr.	6-6 210

say Pierce had the job wrapped up, saying he has also liked the play of junior-college transfer Chauncey Leslie and sophomore Brody Boyd.

In addition to question marks at center and possibly at the point, Alford also dealt with the decision to issue redshirts this season. With 15 players on the roster and Recker and Evans looking at roughly 35 minutes a game, many players may not get

quality playing time to develop. Alford said the decision to redshirt players might not be made by the first exhibition game, with some players possibly held out until the matter can be decided. Once a player sees action, even in an exhibition, he may be only redshirted for medical reasons.

Alford also posed an interesting point by mentioning his junior season at Indiana, when Hoosier coach Bob Knight redshirted the entire sophomore class after playing them as freshmen. Alford has not commented on whom he may redshirt, or whether he would only select first-year players. However, he did add the decision is not entirely his to make.

"We never redshirt anyone who doesn't want to be redshirted," he said.

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Mary Ann Chastain/Associated Press
Michael Jordan goes for the basket during a preseason game against the New Jersey Nets on Oct. 23 at the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, SC.

Eyes on Jordan as NBA tips off

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Jordan returns to the NBA at the arena where he's had some of his greatest moments.

When he came back to Madison Square Garden in 1995 after his first retirement, he scored 55 points against the New York Knicks. Then there was the 42-point game in 1998 when he wore a pair of vintage Air Jordans. On opening night in 1986, he scored 50 points.

There were four other nights on which Jordan dropped at least 42 points on the Knicks, and at the 1997 All-Star game, he recorded the first triple-double in All-Star history.

"It enthused me to play there every chance I got," said Jordan, who makes his regular-season debut tonight with the Washington Wizards. "There's a lot of memories of playing on that floor, and I'm not going to forget them."

After eight preseason games, it all begins to count now for the 38-year-old Jordan, whose second retirement lasted nearly 3½ years. He will start at small forward, wearing a uniform other than Chicago's for the first time in his NBA career.

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IOWA FOOTBALL

Sweet November needed

This month is crucial for Iowa to earn a bowl berth

By Melinda Mawdsley
The Daily Iowan

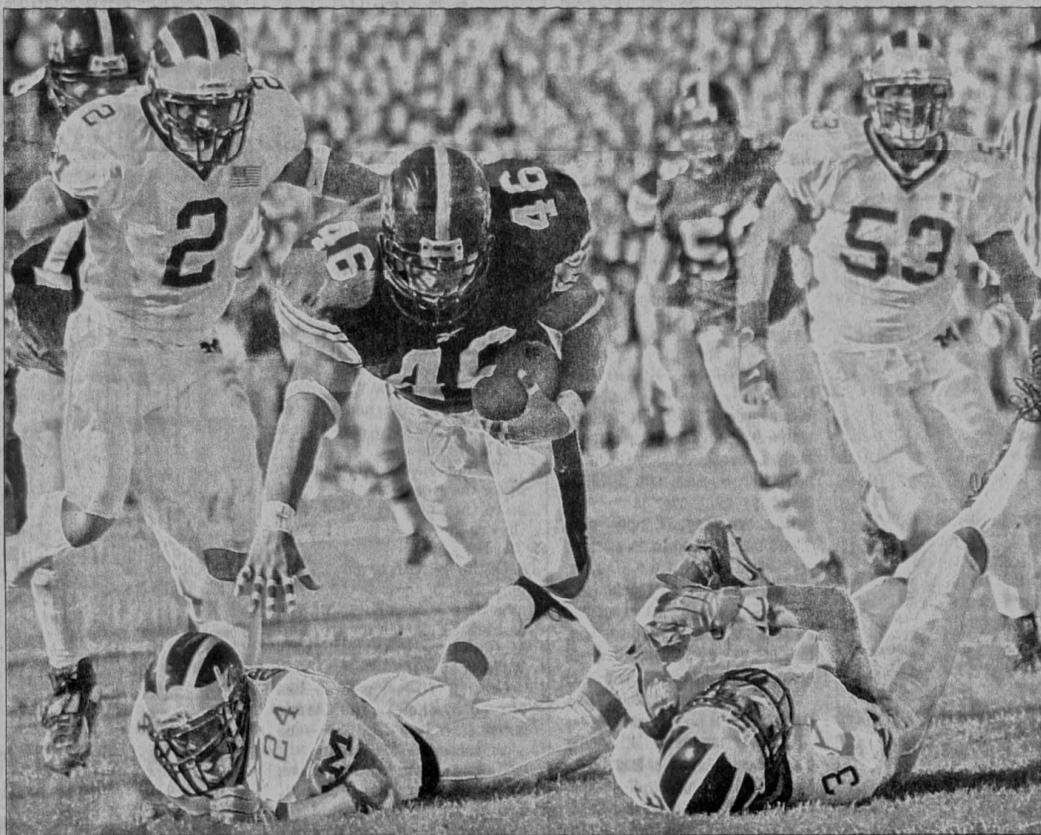
The Iowa football team can't wait to rip October off the calendar. Then stomp on it, spit on it, and light the crumpled month ablaze in a fire with the fallen leaves.

The Hawkeyes went 1-3 this month after surging to a 3-0 start in September, leaving them at 4-3 heading into the final month of their regular season and their last chance to position themselves for bowl selection.

Last year, Iowa rumbled through November, taking games at Penn State and at home against Northwestern before losing at Minnesota in the fourth quarter to finish the month 2-1 and the season at 3-9 overall.

Senior defensive end Aaron Kampman believes history can repeat itself.

"In the last three years, our program has always gotten stronger in November," he said. "That's a testament to what we do as a program. I still say there aren't going to be many teams in the Big



Nicholas Tremmel/The Daily Iowan
Iowa senior Ladell Betts plunges through Michigan's defense during the game on Oct. 27 in Kinnick Stadium.

point/counterpoint

Should Kyle McCann be the starting quarterback?

I had the biggest headache after the Michigan game. I didn't even want to go downtown, because I knew I would have to defend Kyle McCann.

Which I did. I can't believe people are blaming him for Iowa's most recent, hard-to-swallow-as-a-horsepill loss.

McCann was not responsible for the blocked punt or the barely visible rushing game. He can't be blamed if his blockers didn't pick up blitzes or if the defense allowed Michigan to convert 52 percent of its third downs.

He did throw two interceptions, and his second was U-G-L-Y, but every quarterback throws them — Michigan's QB threw two — so why all the boos?

They came from all corners of sold-out Kinnick. Nothing like heaping insults on a quarterback trying to lead his team to victory on national TV. Good idea.

Yes, Brad Banks was effective and talented, which is why the coaches took the two up to change the pace. However, Banks made his fair share of mistakes, mostly mental ones, which indicate he still has lots to learn.

If McCann is to blame for the losses, then where's the credit for the wins?

He prepares harder than anyone and has been around his teammates just as long, if not longer, than the coaches. He knows what he and his offense are capable of and what the opposing defense will bring.

If anything, let him do some play-calling at Wisconsin. Maybe we'll get a less-conservative portrayal of what this offense can do.

— Melinda Mawdsley

Congratulations, Kirk Ferentz. You have successfully manufactured a quarterback controversy where one should not exist.

A football team can't win by playing two quarterbacks simultaneously (see Flutie, Johnson, et al.). Doing so can ruin an offense's cohesion as well as cause divisions that will trickle down from the field general to his troops.

In tinkering with this basic tenet of football, Ferentz has opened a Pandora's box; there is no going back now. It is time to make a decision, preferably before future indecision dooms Iowa's chance for a bowl berth.

Although Kyle McCann is the starter, Brad Banks has been inserted into "scripted" series over the past few weeks. Banks has demonstrated not only a strong arm and pocket poise but also passing accuracy on the run when he decides not to tuck it away. He has made a legitimate statement for his candidacy.

Yes, McCann has led Iowa to four victories thus far, but if the almost-wins continue to pile up, Iowa will receive only a lump of coal in its bowl-bid stocking.

On the other hand, Banks is a multi-faceted weapon who has shown flashes of brilliance. He needs to be on the field, but not at the expense of quarterback continuity.

Sitting on the fence and playing both does not give you the best of both worlds, Coach Ferentz. In fact, it gives you the worst, so make a decision: Put Banks in control of the Hawkeye offense and keep him there.

— Jesse Steinfeldt

Hawkeye Sports

Today
Volleyball at Northern Illinois
7 p.m. DeKalb, Ill.

Thursday
Soccer vs. Creighton
3 p.m. Hawkeye Rec. Fields

W. basketball vs. Chicago All-Stars
7:05 p.m. Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Friday
Volleyball vs. Michigan State
7 p.m. Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Field Hockey at Big Tens
Through Nov. 4 Evanston, Ill.

Saturday
Football at Wisconsin
11:10 a.m. Madison, Wis.
limited tickets available

Volleyball vs. Michigan
7 p.m. Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Sunday
W. basketball vs. Johnson Financial
2 p.m. Carver-Hawkeye Arena

SPORTS ON TV
NBA
6:30 p.m. Washington at New York, TBS
9:30 p.m. Portland at L.A. TBS

Baseball
7 p.m. Game 3 of World Series Fox

READ, THEN RECYCLE

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE GLANCE

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	4	2	0	0.667	130	131
N.Y. Jets	4	2	0	0.571	141	166
Indianapolis	3	3	0	0.500	170	183
New England	3	4	0	0.429	161	150
Buffalo	1	5	0	0.167	108	165

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	1	0	0.833	110	65
Cleveland	4	2	0	0.667	111	91
Baltimore	4	3	0	0.571	128	119
Cincinnati	4	3	0	0.571	120	136
Jacksonville	2	4	0	0.333	90	87
Tennessee	2	4	0	0.333	101	156

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	5	0	0	0.833	151	105
San Diego	4	2	0	0.667	179	114
Denver	4	3	0	0.571	164	144
Seattle	3	3	0	0.500	104	131
Kansas City	1	6	0	0.143	139	152

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	3	0	0.500	124	91
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	0.429	121	116
Arizona	2	4	0	0.333	92	145
Dallas	2	4	0	0.333	92	110
Washington	2	5	0	0.286	84	179

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	5	1	0	0.833	135	74
Green Bay	4	2	0	0.667	147	85
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	0.500	119	98
Minnesota	3	4	0	0.429	138	165
Detroit	0	6	0	0.000	97	176

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	6	1	0	0.857	207	115
New Orleans	4	2	0	0.667	139	118
San Francisco	4	2	0	0.667	153	142
Atlanta	3	3	0	0.500	125	127
Carolina	1	6	0	0.143	112	146

Thursday's Game
Indianapolis 35, Kansas City 28
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Jets 13, Carolina 12
New Orleans 34, St. Louis 31
Chicago 37, San Francisco 31, OT
Cincinnati 31, Detroit 27
Baltimore 18, Jacksonville 17
Tampa Bay 41, Minnesota 14
Dallas 17, Arizona 3
Washington 35, N.Y. Giants 21
Miami 24, Seattle 20
Oakland 20, Philadelphia 10
Denver 31, New England 20
San Diego 27, Buffalo 24
Open: Green Bay, Atlanta, Cleveland
Monday's Game
Pittsburgh 34, Tennessee 7
Sunday, Nov. 4
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 12 p.m.
Carolina at Miami, 12 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 12 p.m.
New England at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 12 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 12 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 12 p.m.

Detroit at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Cincinnati, Minnesota, St. Louis
Monday, Nov. 5
Denver at Oakland, 8 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Boston	0	0	0	0.000	—
New York	0	0	0	0.000	—
New Jersey	0	0	0	0.000	—
Orlando	0	0	0	0.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0.000	—
Washington	0	0	0	0.000	—

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	0	0.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	0	0.000	—
Chicago	0	0	0	0.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	0	0.000	—
Detroit	0	0	0	0.000	—
Indiana	0	0	0	0.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	0	0.000	—
Toronto	0	0	0	0.000	—

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Dallas	0	0	0	0.000	—
Denver	0	0	0	0.000	—
Houston	0	0	0	0.000	—
Memphis	0	0	0	0.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	0	0.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	0	0.000	—
Utah	0	0	0	0.000	—

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Golden State	0	0	0	0.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	0	0	0.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	0	0.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	0	0.000	—
Portland	0	0	0	0.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	0	0.000	—
Seattle	0	0	0	0.000	—

Tuesday's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 8 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 9 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE GLANCE

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
N.Y. Islanders	8	0	1	1	18	36
N.Y. Rangers	6	5	1	0	13	30
Philadelphia	4	3	3	0	11	34
Pittsburgh	4	5	1	1	10	25
New Jersey	4	3	0	1	9	23

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Toronto	6	3	1	1	14	35
Boston	5	3	3	1	14	26
Buffalo	5	5	1	1	12	30
Montreal	5	4	1	0	11	26
Ottawa	5	6	1	0	11	37

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Carolina	6	4	0	2	14	31
Washington	5	5	1	0	11	29
Tampa Bay	4	5	1	0	9	22
Atlanta	3	3	1	2	9	21
Florida	2	6	2	1	7	22

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Detroit	9	2	0	0	18	37
Chicago	6	3	3	0	15	38
St. Louis	4	3	3	0	11	30
Nashville	3	6	2	0	8	25
Columbus	1	6	4	0	6	20

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Calgary	8	2	0	2	18	35
Edmonton	8	4	1	0	17	41
Colorado	7	5	0	0	14	33
Minnesota	3	2	3	1	10	25
Vancouver	3	8	1	0	7	34

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
San Jose	4	3	3	1	12	26
Dallas	4	4	2	2	12	28
Phoenix	4	3	2	1	11	21
Anaheim	4	6	1	0	9	23
Los Angeles	3	6	1	2	9	31

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 3, Dallas 2, OT
Carolina 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
Florida 2, Pittsburgh 2, tie
Boston 3, Chicago 3, tie
Colorado 3, Anaheim 2
Monday's Game
N.Y. Rangers 4, Dallas 2
Tuesday's Games
Phoenix at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 6 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Columbus at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
AUTO RACING

NASCAR—Named Lee Roy touring director for the Busch North series.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Waived F Chris Herren. Placed G Randy Brown and F Roshown McLeod on the injured list.
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Waived F Tim James. Placed F George Lynch, F Jerome Moiso and C Kirk Haston on the injured list.
CHICAGO BULLS—Traded C Jake Voskuhl to Phoenix for C Soumaila Samake and a 2003 second-round draft pick. Waived Samake.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Placed C Zydrunas Ilgauskas, F Tyrone Hill and G Jeff Trappaglier on the injured list.
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Waived G Khalid El-Amin.
DETROIT PISTONS—Signed F Damon Jones. Placed F Brian Cardinal and C Ratko Varda on the injured list.
INDIANA PACERS—Waived F Derrick McKey.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed C Marcus Camby and F-G Larry Robinson on the injured list.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed G-F Mike Miller and G Jeryl Sasser on the injured list.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Promoted Bree Jones to manager of community relations. Named Junita Ghana manager of community relations. Placed G Eric Snow, C Alvin Jones and C Samuel Dalembert.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Traded C Will Perdue to the Los Angeles Clippers for the rights to G Doron Sheffer. Waived F Johnny Taylor and C Priest Lauderdale.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Placed G-F Dell Curry, C Mamadou N'diaye and C Michael Stewart on the injured list. Waived F Don MacLean.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled C Andy McDonald from Cincinnati of the AHL.
CALGARY FLAMES—Assigned F Oleg Saprykin to Saint John of the AHL.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Sent LW Martin Spanel to Syracuse of the AHL.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled RW Chris Connet and C Trent Whitfield from Portland of the AHL. Re-assigned RW Peter Ferraro and RW Stephen Peat to Portland.
TENNIS
SANEX WTA TOUR—Named Kevin Wulff chief executive officer.
COLLEGE
BARUCH—Named Heather Schaffner women's assistant basketball coach.
CORTLAND STATE—Named Robert D. McBe director of athletics.
PFEIFFER—Named Erin Domenech director of swimming and women's swim coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Suspended freshman WR Andrea Gause indefinitely from the football team after his assault arrest last week.

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Super-G champ injured in crash

INNSBRUCK, Austria (AP) — Super-G World Cup champion Regine Cavagnoud was hospitalized in life-threatening condition Monday after colliding with a German coach while training on a glacier.
The patient suffered serious head injuries, a serious injury of the brain, and several fractures in the face," Dr. Michael Blauth, the head of the accident surgery ward of Innsbruck University Clinic, told the Austria Press Agency.
Other injuries included broken ribs and damage to the liver, Blauth said.
"The total of all injuries amounts to an acute danger to the life," the doctor was quoted as saying. The coach, identified as Markus Anwander, also was in life-threatening condition,

with head, facial, and internal injuries, he said.
Cavagnoud underwent several hours of surgery before being transferred to the trauma intensive-care ward of Innsbruck's University Clinic. Doctors said that details of the surgery and Cavagnoud's condition will be released today.
In Paris, French Sports Minister Marie-George Buffet called Cavagnoud "a formidable young woman and she was preparing for the Winter Olympics with a lot of heart."
"What is important now is that she recover, and recover without any repercussions."
The Innsbruck University Clinic, situated in the heart of the Austrian Alps, is considered one of the leading hospitals for ski injuries.

Both Cavagnoud and Anwander were rushed by helicopter to the Pitztal glacier to the hospital.
Cavagnoud had a brief cardiac arrest after the accident, but she was revived by her coach, said Phillippe Auer, a race manager.
Ski officials said Cavagnoud crashed headfirst into Anwander as he crossed her path. Several national ski teams are currently training on Austrian glaciers at the start of the World Cup racing season.



Cavagnoud

Green's streak in jeopardy

A.C. Green's record streak of 1,192 consecutive games was in jeopardy of ending as he remained unsigned Monday on the eve of NBA regular season.
"He would like to keep the streak intact, but he wouldn't sign anywhere just to keep it intact," agent Mark Fleisher said.
Fleisher said the Miami Heat, Green's team last season, had been wavering on whether they would offer a contract. He said his calls to the New York Knicks had not been returned, and his talks with the New Jersey Nets had broken down.
"I'd think he would be a perfect fit for the Knicks, but I assume, since they haven't called, that they're going a different way," Fleisher said.
Of the 29 NBA teams, 24 will play their openers tonight. The other five — Memphis, Chicago, Golden State, Charlotte, and Miami — begin their seasons Wednesday night.
Green, a 16-year veteran, has played in each of his team's games since Nov. 16, 1986 — his second season in the league.
He has played for the Lakers, Suns, Mavericks, and Heat, averaging 9.6 points and 7.4 rebounds.

Cross-country team lands 11th at Big Ten Championships

Youth and illness were strong factors in the Iowa women's cross-country team's 11th-place finish in the Big Ten Championships on Sunday in Savoy, Ill.
Michelle Sokol was the only Hawkeye runner who was 100 percent. The remainder of the Iowa team has been battling sinus infections in recent weeks. Hawkeye runner Ericka Roberts did not finish the race.
"The respiratory system to running is like the muscles to gymnastics," Iowa coach Joan Hansen said. "We went into Big Tens dealing with illnesses, but the women showed extreme determination and effort despite that they weren't at 100 percent."
The Hawkeyes' youthful lineup included two juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen.
Michigan State claimed its first Big Ten title since 1981, taking four of the top five spots. Senior Ann Sommerville was the top Spartan finisher in second place. Michigan earned runner-up honors, finishing with 101 points.
The six-time defending Big Ten champion Wisconsin Badgers faltered at this year's championships, placing third.
Bethany Brewster of Wisconsin was the Big Ten individual champion in 17:02, followed by Michigan State's Sommerville in 17:06 and Lindsay Zinn of Purdue in 17:09.
The Hawkeyes, who placed 11th for the second consecutive year, were led by sophomore Georgia Millward, who finished in 66th place in 19:10.
The Iowa trio of Michelle Lahann, Sokol, and Katie Donlon finished 70th through 72nd, respectively. Other Hawkeye competitors included Altalie Barber in 75th and Jenni Capista in 76th.
Hansen, in her first year at Iowa,

HAWKEYE BRIEFS

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Steelers get big Monday Night win

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A whole lot of Jerome Bettis and Plaxico Burress and a new-found bag of tricks kept the surprising Pittsburgh Steelers in first place — and put the Tennessee Titans in big, big trouble.

Bettis ran for two short-range touchdowns and the Steelers, helped by two grievous errors by Tennessee reserve defensive back Perry Phenix, ended a nearly four-year losing streak against the Titans with an unexpectedly one-sided 34-7 victory Monday night.

A Pittsburgh offense that was Bettis, Bettis and more Bettis until Monday showed off some surprising new wrinkles as the Steelers (5-1) stayed atop the AFC Central by beating the defending champion Tennessee (2-4) for the first time in eight games since 1997.

The Steelers ran kicker Kris Brown, a former high school quarterback, for a first down on a fake field goal, and had wide receiver Hines Ward — also a former QB — throw a pass into the end zone that fell just beyond Burress.

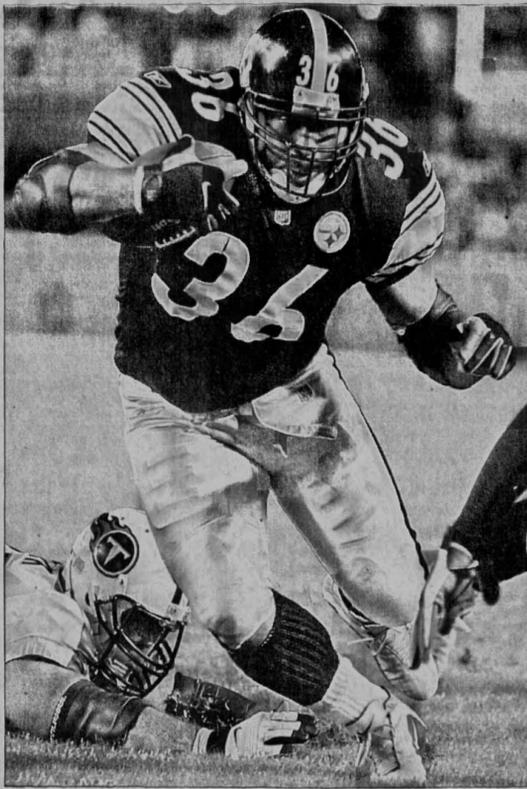
But their best trick was getting the long-missing Burress,

their 2000 first-round draft choice and a huge disappointment until now, heavily involved in an offense in which Kordell Stewart picked on the NFL's next-to-worst pass defense for only his second 200-yard game in two years. Stewart was 13-of-22 for 232 yards, threw for a touchdown and ran for another.

Bettis didn't get to 100 yards — he got 62 yards as Tennessee held him below 100 yards for the ninth straight time — but Burress did, making six catches for 151 yards in his first career 100-yard game. He punctuated every catch by dropping to his knee and signaling a first down as the Steelers improved to 9-0 in Monday night home games under coach Bill Cowher.

Burress' best catch, a 43-yarder early in the third quarter that set up Bettis' second touchdown run, was a ball he stole out of Phenix's hands as the Titans safety appeared to make an interception, only to juggle the ball away.

It was the second big mistake by Phenix, who is on his second tour of duty with Tennessee this season after being cut by Carolina and Cleveland. Phenix was



Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press
Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis carries the ball as Tennessee tackle Jason Fisk is unable to make the stop Monday night in Pittsburgh.

Nebraska, Oklahoma switch spots in BCS

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

Even with a loss, Oklahoma is still the choice over Miami in the Bowl Championship Series computer — but just barely.

Nebraska (9-0) replaced Oklahoma in first place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday after its 20-10 victory over the Sooners. Despite the Oct. 27 loss, Oklahoma (7-1) was second, .12 ahead of Miami (6-0).

The Hurricanes, ranked No. 1 in the AP media and USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, moved from fourth to third after a 45-3 win over West Virginia on Oct. 25. The Huskers and Sooners are ranked 2-3 in the AP media and coaches' polls.

The BCS standings determine which teams play in the BCS' national championship game in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. The rankings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-lost record, and bonus points for big wins.

"Our players deserve to be rated very high, and a lot of people feel we deserve to be No. 1 in the BCS poll," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "They earned it. We've played nine games and they have responded and won them all."

In addition to Oklahoma, five other teams in last week's 15-team BCS standings lost over the weekend — UCLA,

Virginia Tech, Maryland, Washington State, and South Carolina.

Michigan (6-1) moved from seventh to fourth place this week, with Texas (7-1) fifth and Stanford (5-1) up eight spots to sixth after its 38-28 upset of UCLA.

Nebraska had 2.02 points in the BCS standings — 2 for poll average, 1 for computer-rank average, 0.32 for strength-of-schedule, zero for losses, and a 1.3-point bonus deduction for beating Oklahoma.

The bonus award — new this season — is based on a sliding scale from 1.5 points for beating a first-place team down to .1 for a win over the 15th-place team. The bonus is awarded after the first four elements

are added.

Without the bonus-point element, Miami would have been second and Oklahoma third — 7.71 points to OU's 8.69 points. Ironically, the bonus-point system was devised in the aftermath of Miami being left out of last year's title game in favor of Florida State, a team the Hurricanes beat during the season.

Oklahoma had 7.59 points — 3.5 for poll average, 3.83 for computer rank, .036 for strength of schedule, 1 for losses, and a 1.1-point deduction for beating Texas earlier this season.

Miami had 7.71 points — 1 for poll average, 3.67 for computer rank, 3.04 for strength of schedule, zero for losses, and zero bonus point deductions.

Jordan surprised by the good shape he's in

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He returns with six championship rings and with the fourth-highest scoring total in league history. But he is coming back with a team that won only 19 games last season when he was the team president.

"I go in with no preconceived ideas other than just to play hard, and whatever happens, happens," Jordan said Monday.

"I'm in better shape than I thought I would be. I feel really good right now — just want to go in and get off to a good start of the regular season, and hopefully the team feels the same way," he said.

The job of defending Jordan will fall to Latrell Sprewell, who is eager to play the game to end all the questions he's

been hearing about Jordan.

Sprewell was also on the opposing team when Magic Johnson made his comeback in 1996 after a 4½-year retirement. Sprewell recalled with a laugh Monday that Johnson made all the highlight reels that evening by making him look bad with a head fake.

"It's going to be fun. It's what everybody has wanted to see for some time now. I guess people are anxious to see how good he is," Sprewell said. "I expect him to play hard and to get a lot of shots off."

Jordan was spectacular at times during the preseason, scoring 41 against New Jersey and 18 in one quarter against Miami. But the players guarding Jordan in those games were rookies Richard Jefferson and Brandon Armstrong and the since-released Donny Marshall of the Nets, along with the

recently waived Rodney Buford of the Heat.

Sprewell, a much better defender than any of them, is aware that Jordan has been shooting mostly jumpers with the Wizards. Some defenders will try to crowd a jump shooter, forcing him to drive, but Sprewell said he wouldn't go overboard on any such strategy — nor would he apply fullcourt pressure when Jordan brings the ball up as the playmaker.

"He can still go left or right. He has a ton of shot fakes, so I don't think getting up on him will solve the problem," Sprewell said. "One of his strengths is being able to go in any direction, and if he's cut off, he's going to go in the other direction. From what I've seen, he can still do that."

Jordan will return to the court with some impressive personal accomplishments. Aside

from his six championships and 10 scoring titles with the Bulls, he reached 40 points 201 times, 50 points on 38 different occasions and 60 points five times.

Not counting his time with the Birmingham Barons when he was playing minor league baseball, Jordan has not had a three-game losing streak since the opening three games of the 1990-91 season.

Coach Jeff Van Gundy, whose first career coaching victory came against Jordan and the Bulls in their 72-win season of 1995-96, recently watched a tape of Jordan's return to the Garden following his first retirement.

Van Gundy said it struck him how physical that game was, "like hand-to-hand combat."

"Five games back, and he gets 55 against the best defense in the league, and he makes it look easy," Van Gundy said.

Hawkeyes to face crucial tests in November

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Ten that are going to want to play us come November."

Saturday at 11:10 a.m. against Wisconsin in Camp Randall Stadium, the Hawkeyes will begin to test their resolve.

The Oct. 27 loss to Michigan ate at the heart of the team. Many looked both physically and emotionally drained, coach Kirk Ferentz perhaps more than anyone, but he refused to raise a white flag.

"I think our team is practicing and playing hard," he said. "We just have to learn to play smart football. There are still four games left, and this still can be a fantastic season."

Ferentz is correct in considering that the Hawkeyes control their own destiny.

Take the Badgers, who have to win out to be considered for postseason play. Sitting at 4-5 overall, they must notch seven victories to get a bowl berth.

Indiana, a team that Iowa defeated handily, torched Wis-

consin for 63 points in Madison earlier this season.

Iowa will travel to Northwestern following the Badger matchup. The Wildcats, the pre-season favorite to win the Big Ten, are surprisingly tied with the Hawkeyes and Wisconsin at 2-3 in the conference.

These two games prove to be crucial because they not only give Iowa wins but also allow the Hawkeyes to move up in the Big Ten standings. Two victories on the road would also give Iowa the six wins necessary to be considered for a bowl berth.

As this shows, the season isn't over yet. On Nov. 17, the Hawkeyes return to Kinnick Stadium to face Minnesota in the final 2001 home game. The Golden Gophers, a bowl team last year, are just 1-3 in the conference so far.

Last, and what may actually mean the least, is Iowa State on Nov. 24. This game, originally scheduled for Sept. 15, was postponed following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

It may mean the least

because it does nothing for Iowa in terms of Big Ten wins or losses. But try telling anyone on the Hawkeye squad, which has lost to the Cyclones for three-straight years, that this game has no bearing on the season.

The Cyclones, possessing an impressive 5-2 record thus far, have again failed to beat a high-caliber team. Nebraska rolled over ISU, 48-14. On Oct. 27, the Cyclones had a great opportunity to upset No. 24 Texas A&M in College Station, Tex., but four missed field goals proved to be costly.

While six wins in the Big 12 may secure a bowl berth for the Cyclones, that might not be the case in the Big Ten, considering the number of schools jam-packed around .500 in the conference.

The best-case scenario is obviously that the Hawkeyes win all four of their games to set up an 8-3 overall record and a 5-3 Big Ten mark. However, it may be in the Hawks' best interest for Michigan, Illinois, and Purdue to win out as well, solidifying

Iowa as fourth in the standings, which would likely land the team in the Alamo Bowl.

If the Hawkeyes were to lose one game, all would not be lost, because seven wins would gain them certain consideration, taking into account their large fan following and three-year absence from bowl play.

While the Hawkeyes may be number-crunching behind closed doors, the players will continue to speak about week-by-week preparation, which is how they have to take it.

Once November rolls around, emotions will heat up as temperatures give the body chills and each week determines a team's fate. With four wins and four more winnable games, Iowa's preseason goal of post-season play is not a lost cause.

"We've just got to save what we've got," senior Kahlil Hill said. "We've got to win out, and that's how we have to look at it. We think we can play with anybody as long as we don't beat ourselves."

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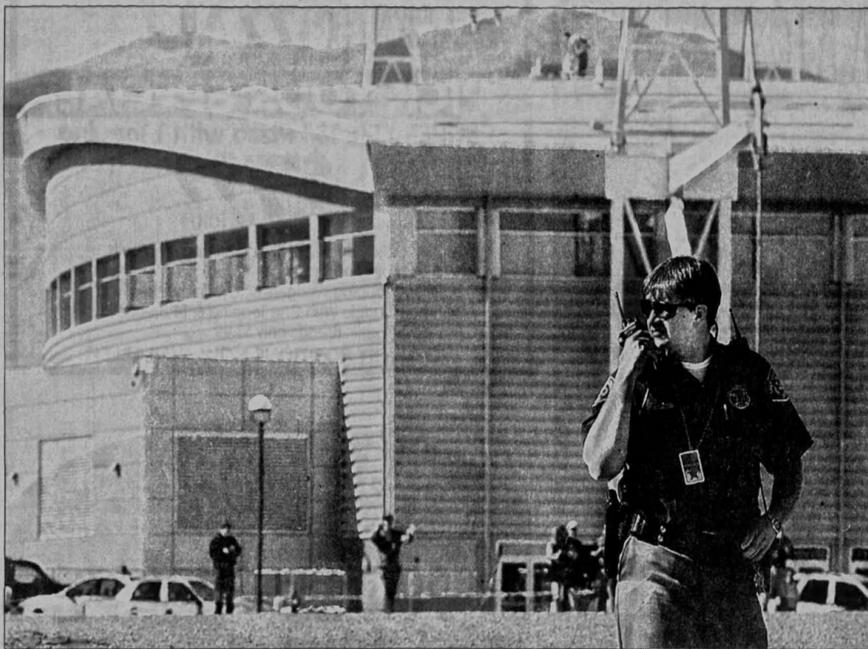
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Salt Lake County Sheriff deputy J.W. Smith stands guard outside the Olympic Ice Oval venue as law enforcement personnel start their afternoon training sessions on Oct. 25 in Kearns, Utah.

Salt Lake City security guards to outnumber athletes at Games

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Organizers once saw the 2002 Winter Olympics as a time of celebration, with athletes soaring and skating, people partying in the streets, and no M-16-toting guards anywhere in sight.

Then came Sept. 11, and the Salt Lake Games would never be the same.

With the games scheduled to start 100 days from Wednesday, Olympic organizers who overcame scandal and financial problems now have just one overriding mission — protecting 2,500 athletes and the fans who come to watch them.

Unlike the bloody history of the Summer Games, the Winter Olympics have never been disrupted by terrorist attacks. If they are in Salt Lake City, those who are running them know well that both the city and the games may be forever scarred.

"If you don't have a safe games, there's nothing you can do to redeem yourself," said Mitt Romney, who heads the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

About the only thing that will still be the same for 17 days in February is that the world's best skiers, skaters, and jumpers will be competing for Olympic gold.

But getting in to see them will now take more patience, and new security measures will mute some of the festivities that normally sur-

round an Olympics. Some residents who were once proud their city landed the games are now fearful that they will become a target.

"There are an awful lot of people that, if they can find a way to get out of town for three weeks, are out of here," attorney Bruce Baird said. "I think it is just dawning on people what it might be like."

Indeed, the enduring image of the Feb. 8-24 games for those attending may be one of tall fences topped with razor wire and standing in long lines to empty pockets and purses into large plastic tubs for security checks.

At the downtown high-rise where Baird has his office, workers were evacuated last week in a pre-Olympic drill.

"The attacks have changed people's psyche. Nobody before thought it was possible," said Robert Flowers, who heads the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, the security umbrella for the games. "We weren't talking about anthrax in Olympic venues before. Now we are. It caused us to take some things more seriously."

Before last month's terrorist attacks, Olympic security officials thought they had built a strong, multifaceted plan at a cost of some \$265 million.

Now the tab is over \$300 million, thanks to the addition of 2,000 National Guardsmen to help guard venues and materials and the need

to buy more metal detectors, security fences, and surveillance equipment.

Some 10,000 security personnel will be on guard, outnumbering athletes, 4-1. Another 5,000 SLOC workers will help guide ticket holders through metal detectors and other detection equipment and make sure they aren't carrying backpacks or other items that might conceal a weapon.

In the sky, U.S. Customs helicopters and radar planes will patrol, along with F-16s from nearby Hill Air Force Base. Extraordinary air-security measures will likely include the closure of Salt Lake International Airport to air traffic during the opening and closing ceremonies and airspace restrictions at other times.

On the streets, health officials will have stocked up on antibiotics, and portable decontamination units will be ready to speed to venues should suspicious substances be found.

Experts will monitor the air for chemical and biological contamination, and thousands of volunteers have been trained to respond to any type of threat.

"If there's something found or spotted, we'll have someone on the scene in minutes, and we'll know how to handle it and what to do," Flowers said.

The FBI will have 1,000 agents in Utah to investigate and respond to any threats. Last week, teams of Secret Service agents practiced for various scenarios in Salt Lake City.

"The intent was to dial up the stress levels," said Mark Camillo, the Olympics coordinator for the Secret Service, which has overall responsibility for the games' security.

the score, but he also praises his assistant coaches for their mastery at managing the game clock.

"We're going to play all the way till they tell us to leave the stadium," Neuheisel said.

Kicker John Anderson, who has hit two game-winning field goals this month — including last week-end against Arizona State as time expired — has said the Huskies have learned how to do win big games.

His teammates agree, although Ken Walker remembers the days when the Huskies couldn't do much right in the fourth quarter.

"A few years ago, we made a promise that we would dominate in the fourth quarter," the senior full-back said.

Washington players say they don't panic when they're behind and the clock is running down. Somehow, they know they will find a way. That's what Neuheisel preaches.

Still, almost every week Neuheisel gets asked about Washington's way of winning.

"I always hesitate to answer that question," said the third-year coach. "Because it begs for the question: Why are we so mediocre in the first three quarters?"

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Huskies, fourth-quarter comeback kings, tiring of last-minute wins

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SEATTLE — All these fourth-quarter comebacks are starting to wear on Washington.

"I feel like I've aged like 40 years since I've been here," said inside linebacker Ben Mahdavi. "I feel like I'm 58 years old. It's bad for your heart."

Is this late-game luck ever going to run out?

With five fourth-quarter comebacks this fall, the No. 11 Huskies have every reason to believe their good fortune will stick around. They came from behind to win five times in last year's Rose Bowl season, too, and 18 of coach Rick Neuheisel's 24 wins at Washington have been comebacks, including 13 in the final 15 minutes.

And the Huskies are expecting another close game Saturday, when No. 10 Stanford comes to town. The Cardinal have defeated top-five opponents the last two weeks in Oregon and UCLA.

The Huskies won three times this month in the final 13 seconds. Last year against Stanford, they scored on their final drive with less than a minute left to win, 31-28.

"Our guys have played Stanford both times in down-to-the-wire games," Neuheisel said of 1999 and

2000. "We expect another one." Fourth-quarter victories are becoming the norm, the trademark, even cliché for the Huskies.

They often say they would rather have better first quarters, and not have to play catch-up. But you won't hear Washington players complaining about their stressful style of pulling off wins.

Some Saturdays, it's special teams, other weeks, it's the defense making a game-changing play. Or it's quarterback Cody Pickett all by himself.

In his first game back after separating his throwing shoulder, Pickett ran 3 yards for the winning touchdown against Arizona on Oct. 20.

"The whole team's mentality is to play to the very end and never give up," Pickett said.

But many teams will tell you the same exact thing, that they don't give up. And they don't get the same result.

"The formula is getting the win. Whatever it takes," senior nose tackle Larry Tripplett said. "I know it's a big story with us always winning in the fourth quarter. The reality is, it doesn't matter if we win by 50 points or by one point."

Neuheisel is quick to credit his players for their efforts no matter

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SPORTS

New York eager to return to Yankee Stadium

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark Grace waited his whole baseball life for this moment. So when he finished batting practice Monday night, he headed straight for Monument Park.

He'd always wanted to see Yankee Stadium. And now, while the rest of his teammates kept hitting, the Arizona first baseman studied the plaques of Ruth, DiMaggio, and Mantle.

"Pretty elite company, wouldn't you say?" Grace said. "Pretty elite company."

Later this week, Grace wants to join them — as a World Series champion.

The Diamondbacks arrived in town with a 2-0 lead over the New York Yankees, fresh from dominant pitching performances by Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson.

The Yankees left a trail of bad swings and broken bats at Bank One Ballpark, along with a bitter taste for the umpiring in the desert.

Back at home, the Yankees found a change in the weather. With an October chill in the air, they broke out sweatshirts for a workout.

We certainly need the Rocket (Roger Clemens) to set the tone and be able to give him a lead to work with.

— Joe Torre,
Yankees manager

The Yankees also hoped to see a different Diamondbacks team. As in, the one that went 40-52 this year when Schilling and Johnson did not pitch.

Brian Anderson, who has struggled all season, will start for Arizona in Game 3 tonight against 20-game winner Roger Clemens.

"We certainly need the Rocket to set the tone and be able to give him a lead to work with," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We need to pitch. We need to dominate."

The Yankees managed only one run and six hits at Arizona, and are hitting just .102 overall.

Paul O'Neill (9-for-19, four

homers), Tino Martinez (5-for-13, four homers), and several other Yankees have enjoyed success against Anderson.

New York is counting on a big night to spark a comeback similar to 1996, when it dropped two games to Atlanta before winning the next four.

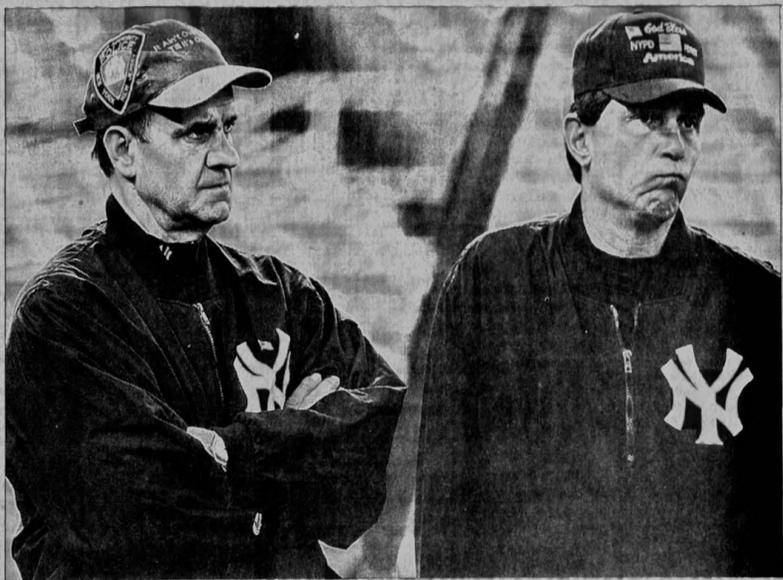
"We are forewarned," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said. "We know what the Yankees are capable of doing. We know what they have done in the past."

Brenly, meanwhile, would not commit to a starter beyond Anderson. It could be Schilling next, although he'd be pitching on three days' rest.

"I can say that if we win Game 3 behind Brian Anderson that Miguel Batista will start Game 4. If we should happen to lose Game 3, we'll take it under advisement," he said.

Anderson was just 4-9 this year, had two stints on the disabled list, and has not started since Sept. 8. Batista was 11-8 with a 3.36 ERA, pitching mostly in relief.

"A lot of people think this is a two-man team, and they are mistaken," Batista said. "I tell people: Schilling won 22 games



New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, left, and first base coach Lee Mazzilli watch practice at Yankee Stadium, Monday in New York.

and Johnson won 21, but who won the other 50 or so?"

Earlier in the day, many of the Diamondbacks visited the site of the World Trade Center collapse.

They greeted firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers, signed autographs and even were wished good luck by many New York fans.

"I think some of us had some anxiety about seeing it," Grace said. "But I wouldn't have been able to live with myself if I didn't go."

Bears roar to 5-1 start

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — As the stunned San Francisco 49ers trudged off the field, the Chicago Bears held an impromptu dance party in the end zone, jumping up and down and bobbing back and forth.

It's still way too early to book studio time for a new version of "The Super Bowl Shuffle." But after years of ineptitude, the Bears are finally back.

After Sunday's improbable comeback victory over the 49ers, the Bears are 5-1, their best start since 1990. They lead the NFC Central and have the second-best record in the NFL.

"It's still very early in the season," coach Dick Jauron said Monday. "But to be 5-1 at this point is real exciting for us. We'll do everything we can to keep it going."

That the Bears have gotten this far has been one of the NFL's biggest surprises.

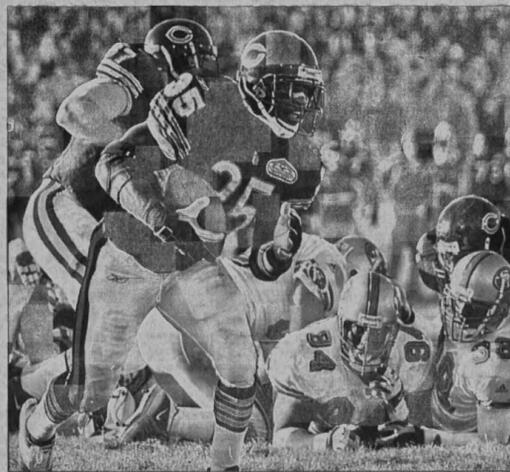
This, after all, is a team that hasn't had a winning season since 1995. It sent its quarterback of the future packing after he showed more attitude than aptitude, and it is relying on two career third-stringers.

There were enough off-season additions that name tags were needed at training camp, and there is youth but little experience.

"I've got a lot of friends who play in this league calling me, saying, 'What are you guys doing down there?'" said Bryan Robinson, one of two returning starters on the defensive line.

Still, for all the grief former personnel boss Mark Hatley got for draft busts Curtis Enis and Cade McNown, his first two picks of the last two seasons are major contributors.

Rookies David Terrell and Anthony Thomas have only played six games, but already have shown big-time talent.



Ted S. Warren/Associated Press

Chicago Bears running back Anthony Thomas (35) stands up with the ball after clawing his way to a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter as San Francisco 49ers' Dana Stubblefield (94) and Ronnie Heard (38) look on Sunday at Soldier Field in Chicago.

Thomas, a second-round pick, set a Bears rookie record with 188 yards against Cincinnati. He followed that up with 127 yards Sunday.

Terrell, the No. 1, had only three catches, but two were for touchdowns.

Brian Urlacher and Mike Brown, the first- and second-round picks in 2000, are cornerstones of one of the league's best defenses.

Urlacher, a middle linebacker in the tradition of Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary, has two interceptions, and a fumble return for a touchdown.

Brown returned an interception 33 yards for the game-winner in overtime Sunday.

Hatley also signed Keith Traylor and Ted Washington, who block the middle — not to mention the sun — and allow Urlacher to roam free.

They've played in three Pro Bowls and two Super Bowls between them, and give the young defense some attitude.

"Ted Washington and Keith Traylor are the main reason this defense is playing the

way it is," Brown said. "Most of us are young, and those two guys came in and gave us that winning attitude. They make us believe in ourselves."

So many additions on defense the past two years haven't seemed to matter.

"It's surprising how well we've gelled because when new guys come in, it's hard because you don't know how they're going to play," Phillip Daniels said. "From the day they got in here, we've been trusting each other that we're going to get the job done. That's been the bottom line."

Trust has also played a part on offense. While McNown seemed to cause a new problem every week, Jim Miller and Shane Matthews quietly won their teammates' respect. Neither whined about playing time, graciously accepting their roles as backups when they had to.

Team's results muddled by sloppy play, unpredictability

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

Todd Lyght of the winless Detroit Lions could have been talking for the entire NFL.

"Everyone," he said, "feels miserable."

Well, not Chicago or Oakland. And maybe everyone else really feels more befuddled than miserable after a weird Sunday in a weird season.

Overall, there were 48 turnovers in 13 games Sunday — 32 interceptions and 16 lost fumbles. Only the Oakland-Philadelphia game was without a turnover.

There were five interceptions and two fumbles returned for touchdowns, one punt return for a score, a blocked punt for a TD, a safety, and two touchdowns on option passes by wide receivers.

Some snapshots:
Ragged Rams ... St. Louis wasn't going to go unbeaten — even at 6-0, it had one win in overtime, one by a point, and another by four.

But the Rams outdid themselves in a 34-31 loss to New Orleans Sunday, blowing a 24-6 halftime lead at home by turning the ball over eight times. Four were on interceptions of Kurt Warner, who lost for the first time in 16 home games. And four Rams turnovers came in the third quarter, when New Orleans scored 25 of its points.

"Did you ever see Rocky IV, when Rocky hit Drago, and he started bleeding, and he went back to the corner, and his manager said, 'He's bleeding Rock, he's bleeding, he's human?'" Saints wide receiver Joe Horn said after the game.

"They're not robots that no one can beat."

More turnovers ... Tom

Brady had thrown 162 passes without an interception as a stand-in for Drew Bledsoe, leading to speculation about the futures of both.

Then Brady threw four interceptions in the fourth quarter alone in Denver as the Broncos rallied to beat New England, 31-20. Two were by Deltha O'Neal, who earlier in the season tied an NFL record with four in a game against Kansas City.

Speculation on hold.
Who needs practice ... Not 33-year-old Eric Metcalf, who hadn't played in an NFL game since 1999, and was signed by the Redskins on Oct. 24 to energize their return game. After taking just a half-dozen punts at half-speed in practice, he returned the first punt he caught Sunday 89 yards for a touchdown as Washington

upset the Giants, 35-21. Metcalf's return gave him the NFL career record with 12 returns of punts or kickoffs for touchdowns.

Same game, another record: The Giants' Michael Strahan had two more sacks, giving him 12½ in the last five games. He had 9½ all of last season.

Losing ... The Lions are 0-6, with their last three losses by five, three, and four points.

Typical Lions: At the start of their 31-27 loss to Cincinnati on Sunday, they had the Bengals pinned back on their own 4-yard-line. Jon Kitna handed off to Corey Dillon, who went 96 yards for a touchdown.

Then, after Dillon scored the go-ahead touchdown with 8:06 left, the Lions got the ball back four times with a chance to get the winning score.
Nada.

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— Bryan Robinson,
Bears' defensive end

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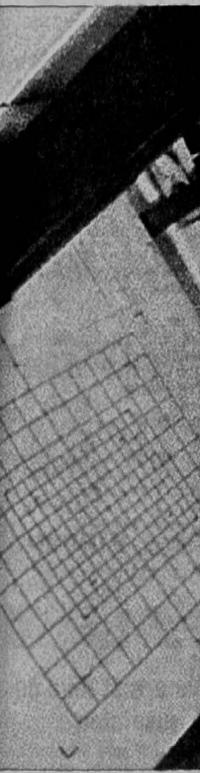
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Lt. Ron Wenman poses with

Small-town Coralville police

By Mike Dhar
The Daily Iowan

When snow falls in Coralville, local police string Christmas lights in town. They host volleyball games for middle-school kids when the school year ends. It's all part of being a cop town of 15,000.

But this "small-town" police force has also tackled a murder investigation, an anthrax scare and a standoff with an armed suspect during the past months.

Coral Ridge Mall, two neighboring interstates, and a neighborhood university town have brought more people and more crime to the community, police say. Last year, the police force responded to more than 2,000 calls from Coral Ridge Mall alone, including nearly 300 thefts.

The result has been a police force struggling to keep up with the community's needs. "If we were in the middle of a cornfield, you wouldn't see kind of calls we have,"

INSIDE

CAMPUS Perfect pumpkin

A first-time pumpkin seller offers Halloween treats. See story, Page 2A

NATION Rebate returns

Nearly 300,000 rebate checks have been returned to the IRS. See story, Page 4

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