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Fire at Old Capitol mall will not affect renovations

A worker using a torch apparently sparked the minor fire, which caused less than \$2,000 in damages, one official said



Tanner Beck

A bystander photographs the fire that broke out at the Old Capitol mall around 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Kevin Digmann, the mall's manager, said the damage was minimal and would not affect the ongoing renovation.

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

A construction worker using a torch near a plastic tarp that covered an opening in the northeast corner of the Old Capitol Town Center caused a minor fire on Wednesday, officials said, but it will not affect the mall's renovation.

City fire officials responded to the mall at 2:32 p.m. to several reports of a tarp burning on the corner of the building at the intersection of Clinton and Washington Streets.

The fire crews who arrived first on the scene saw heavy smoke and flames shooting up the outside brick wall. Within 10

minutes, firefighters extinguished the fire, which had spread from the tarp to adjoining plastic covering the construction zone. Officials reported no injuries to construction workers or firefighters.

"The flame was pretty small, then it shot up all of a sudden," said UI sophomore Kirsten Schuller, who was passing by at the time. "The construction workers were hollering for the Fire Department."

Fire officials said the damage was confined to the tarps and plastic, with some blackening on the building's brick exterior. Officials estimated the damage at less than \$2,000, mostly because the renovation had not progressed beyond the steel frame stage.

Old Capitol mall general manager Kevin Digmann, who said blaze will not delay the renovation, placed the damage estimate even lower and said he didn't think insurance agencies would need to be involved.

Although he didn't think the mall had ever experienced an incident like Wednesday's fire, "on the surface, it might have looked like a big deal, but there was minimal damage," he said.

When renovations to the northeast corner are complete, Hills Bank and Trust will occupy the first floor and the *Gazette/KCRG-TV 9* will take the second. They will move in around March of next year, Digmann said.

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U.S. to pump up troops in Iraq to 150K

Some analysts say intensity and nature of war is changing

BY THOMAS E. RICKS
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Wednesday that it will boost the number of U.S. troops in Iraq to about 150,000, the highest level since the U.S. occupation began 19 months ago.

Most of the increase in the troop count — which stands at around 138,000 now — will come from extending deployments of units already there as others arrive. That will keep some soldiers in Iraq for combat tours of 14 months, beyond the year-long mission that most troops are told to expect, Pentagon officials said. In addition to extending some brigades from the 1st Cavalry Division, the 25th Infantry Division and the

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, approximately 1,500 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne division will be sent from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Baghdad for about 120 days.

The increase in troop strength, which had been hinted at by senior U.S. military officials for weeks, is primarily driven by the need to tamp down the Iraqi insurgency as elections set for the end of January draw near. "The purpose is mainly to provide security for the elections, but it's also to keep up the pressure on the insurgency," Army Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, the deputy director of regional operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a Pentagon briefing.

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Local mall owners ring Salvation Army's bells

They donate \$11,000 to make up for funds lost by Target's decision to ban solicitors

BY HEATHER LOEB
THE DAILY IOWAN

Christmas came a little early this year for the Salvation Army of Johnson County.

The group received an \$11,000 donation Wednesday from the owners of the Old Capitol Town Center and Sycamore Mall to replace money lost after Target decided not to allow Salvation Army bell ringers in front of its stores.

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\$169,000

The amount of money Johnson County Salvation Army wants to raise in kettle and mall donations from Nov. 21 to Dec. 24

\$53,000

Total after Wednesday's \$11,000 donation

UI junior discovers her inner beauty after becoming Miss Illinois

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Jill Gulseth, a self-described former tomboy, removed a picture of herself dressed in a coral evening gown from her book bag during an interview this week.

"Look at this person all this makeup makes me become," she said jokingly.

It was a glowing picture of the 5-9 woman sporting a radiant smile minutes after she was crowned Miss Illinois USA 2005 during Thanksgiving break in Chicago.

Her next stop: The Miss USA pageant in April and possibly NBC's nauseating hit show "Fear Factor." All state title winners are offered an interview to go on the show's special Miss USA edition.

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Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan
Miss Illinois Jill Gulseth sits at her house on Wednesday.

Tom Slockett expected the huge increase in voter turnout during the 2004 election, and he did everything he could to prepare, but chaos at the Auditor's Office still ensued

FACING AN ELECTORAL TIDAL WAVE

BY JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

The onslaught of voters and contested ballots in the recent election overwhelmed the under-equipped Johnson County Auditor's Office and even caused tears in some challenged voters, despite Auditor Tom Slockett's preparations and the staff's 80-hour work weeks.

Slockett armed the office with an additional dozen phone lines and a large crop of temporary election workers, but he was unable to scrap together enough physical space and manpower.

"The good thing is we had a record turnout vote," said Slockett, who has been the auditor since 1977. "But we weren't really prepared; our computer systems and our facilities were not adequate to properly service all those voters."

Johnson County saw a 49 percent surge in early voting and a 24 percent increase in voter turnout over 2000. The high turnout may have contributed to the record 1,538 challenged ballots this election and 2,020 provisional challenged ballots, Slockett said.

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Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan

Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett works in his office on a typical Tuesday. The Auditor's Office has started to calm down after the November election.

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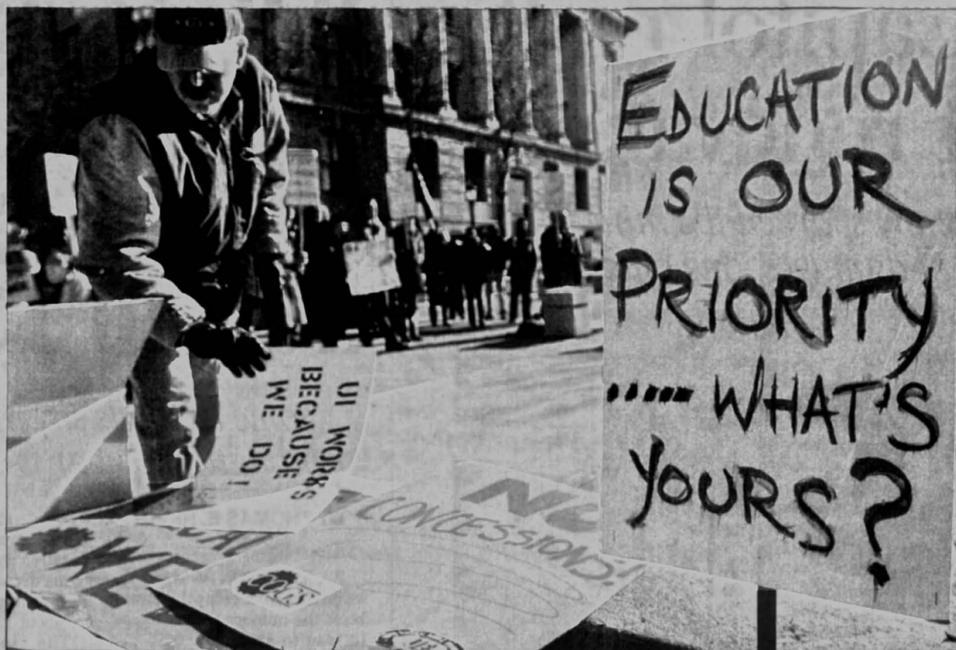
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NEWS

The union urges the Board of Regents to meet needs for graduate teaching and research assistants in the March contract

COGS: UI to lose top grad students if bargaining demands aren't met

A COGS supporter reaches for a sign to join the other graduate students and supporters at a rally on Wednesday at the T. Anne Cleary Walkway. The event highlighted the grad-student union's issues, such as salary increases and increase in tuition scholarships.



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

BY DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a show of resentment and indignation toward a university they say is ignoring their pleas, the Committee to Organize Graduate Students rallied Wednesday in an effort to "make grad employees a priority."

COGS — the official bargaining representative for UI graduate teaching and research assistants — is urging the state Board of Regents to increase their salaries, provide full tuition scholarships, improve health insurance, and resist additional student fees before the yearly contract is inked in March.

If requests aren't met, COGS leaders said, the UI risks losing top-tier graduate students to

more affordable alternatives. The UI lags far behind its Big Ten counterparts as the only university that fails to waive graduate student tuition completely, or at least in a substantial manner, said COGS President Patrick Oray.

In November, the regents proposed a plan that mirrored the current contract save inflation costs. Regents representatives blamed the state's lagging economic growth and an expected tuition hike.

UI President David Skorton has said the move to full tuition coverage is inevitable but has not commented on how soon that would be plausible.

COGS member Brad Parsons is hoping that move comes sooner rather than later. He

has amassed \$12,000 in debt while attending graduate school, he said.

"When 30 percent of graduate students' pay is returned in tuition costs, making ends meet can be difficult," he said.

His peers shared his complaints.

"I don't think [the university] is willing to say this, but it must be interested in second- or third-tier students," said Imran Pirwani, a computer-science graduate student, after the rally.

Graduate students should be seen as an investment instead of a cost, he said, pointing to research assistants' contributions and noting that 85 percent of undergraduate contact hours are with teaching and research assistants.

He added that long-term gains in the form of research grants and recruitment would help recoup the initial costs. Oray said increased funding from the state Legislature is needed.

The UI provides minimum tuition aid of 25 percent and \$15,330 in salary to graduates working 20 hours weekly — a bill that totaled \$52 million in academic 2004-05.

If the regents fail to agree to COGS demands, the union cannot strike legally but, Oray said, "the university can't sit back and wait for students to come to them," adding notable losses have already been realized in a number of departments.

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CITY

Ex-grad student begins sentence

A former UI graduate student who, officials said, raped a woman and snapped photos of her during the act began his jail term Wednesday after pleading guilty to the lesser charge of assault with intent to cause sexual abuse.

Quincy Loney, 25, will spend 90 days behind bars and serve probation afterward. Half of the 180-day sentence was suspended, and Loney will have to register as a sex offender for

10 years, said Assistant Johnson County Attorney Anne Lahey.

"We arrived at [the sentence] with the consultation of the victim, so she has some measure of justice," Lahey said Wednesday.

Loney was originally charged with third-degree sexual abuse in August after a July 11 incident in which he allegedly raped a woman at his 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2810 residence when she was not able to resist. Police said Loney took three pictures of the victim during the incident.

— by Seung Min Kim

POLICE BLOTTER

Kimly Bryant, 18, 2437 Whispering Prairie Ave., was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Donzell Lindsey, 20, 2646 Indigo Court, was charged Wednesday with leaving the scene of a personal-injury accident.

Sonja Rundquist, 19, 409A Mayflower, was charged Oct. 30 with possession of alcohol under the legal age and presence in a licensed liquor establishment after hours.

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Fire damages residence, garage

At approximately 2:35 a.m. Wednesday the Iowa City Fire Department was called to 1641 Wetherby Drive in response to a residential fire that caused more than \$60,000 in damage.

Firefighters are still investigating the cause of the fire at the south-eastern Iowa City residence.

Four people, two cats, and two dogs were safely evacuated from the house and assisted by the Red Cross. There were no injuries.

Firefighters from Iowa City, Coralville, and West Branch responded to the call and brought the fire under control in approximately 30 minutes. Firefighters remained on the scene for two and a half hours.

In addition to the garage and house, the fire also damaged two vehicles, bringing the total amount of damage to over \$60,000, said

Iowa City Battalion Chief Ron Stutzman.

— by Jessica Seveska

279 new undergrad scholarships created

Private gifts to the "Good. Better. Best. Iowa" campaign have created 279 new endowed scholarships for undergraduate students at the UI, the university announced Wednesday.

The \$1 billion campaign plans to create 71 more scholarships before the its completion in 2005. The UI Foundation, which is running the campaign, has received \$130 million in student support towards a goal of \$172 million.

Susan Shullaw, the vice president of communications and campaign support for the UI Foundation, said she feels wonderful about the willingness of people to give gifts to the campaign.

"People are overwhelmingly interested in the students," she added. "Alumni especially feel they can identify with them."

To endow a Presidential Scholarship, a minimum of \$150,000 must be given to the campaign. An Opportunity at Iowa Scholarship requires \$100,000, and an undergraduate need- or merit-based scholarship requires \$30,000. Of the 279 newly endowed scholarships, 70 are Presidential Scholarships.

The UI Foundation created the campaign in 1999 to raise private funds to help launch different initiatives across the university, increase the number of scholarships and endowed faculty positions, support new facilities for education and research, and fund outreach and service programs to benefit Iowans. It has received more than \$882 million.

— by Elaine Fabian

Charter panel hears variety of suggestions

Limiting Iowa City's mayor to two terms and electing some of the councilors through district rather

than citywide elections were two suggestions voiced by around 40 city residents Tuesday night at the Iowa City Public Library.

A variety of people met with the nine-member Iowa City Charter Review Commission to provide input on possible changes to the structure of city government. The commission is in the process of updating the city charter, which outlines how the city's government is organized. Commission Chairman William Sueppel said he was pleased with the night's turnout.

"It was truly our opportunity to listen," he said.

Other issues that surfaced at the meeting included creating a mayoral position with more power and increasing the number of city councilors representing districts from three to four.

The commission has made no final decisions on reconstructing the charter; it will next meet on Dec. 8 at 7 a.m. The deadline for reviewing the charter is May 2005.

— by Jim Butts

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Collins finds purgatory a pretty good idea

Writer Max Allan Collins poses in his Muscatine home next to an art collection that expresses the themes of sex and violence, which have become primary themes in his works.



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UI alum and critically acclaimed author continues tale of Michael O'Sullivan in his sequel to Road to Perdition

BY JESSICA FISCHOFF
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa native Max Allan Collins has seemingly done it all. The *New York Times* best-selling author, who obtained his undergraduate degree at UI and continued his education in the Writers' Workshop, is more than a jack-of-all trades. He is a multi-talented guru. As the critically acclaimed writer of suspenseful historical crime novels, Collins has also independently produced movies based on his scripts. He has lived out his dream of writing for the comic strip "Dick Tracy," which, when he was a child, initially aroused his interest in comics. He has also managed to make time to cultivate his musical career as a member of the Muscatine-based rock band Cruisin'. "I like to work in a lot of different areas, but my primary line of defense is writing novels," said Collins, a shaggy-haired man in thick-rimmed glasses. Most notably, he is known as the author of the graphic novel *Road to Perdition*, which was

READING

Max Allan Collins will read from his new book, *Road to Purgatory*, at Prairie Lights today at 8 p.m.

developed into a movie released in 2002 by DreamWorks and 20th Century Fox. The film starred Tom Hanks and Jude Law and earned actor Paul Newman an Academy Award nomination. More recently, Collins is the object of buzz over his *Road to Purgatory*, the prose sequel to *Road to Perdition*. It is the second installment in the fast-paced tale of Michael O'Sullivan, a boy who learns about the loss of innocence at an early age while escaping the mob members that killed his mother and brother by traveling through the Midwest on a thrilling expedition with his hit man father. This time around, O'Sullivan has grown up and must face life in the gangster-run empire of Chicago during the 1940s. Collins has not only chosen to follow O'Sullivan's life through the much-anticipated literary

release, he also opted to stay true to the graphic nature of *Road to Perdition* by publishing *Road to Purgatory* at Prairie Lights (DC Comics). Just as in *Road to Perdition*, his new book explores the father-son relationships among O'Sullivan, his father, and grandfather. Collins admits that his father-son relationships were elements in his creation of both books, and the intimacy of the raw emotions in the paternal connections is as compelling as the plot is blood-tingling. Although there are no detailed plans to transform *Road to Purgatory* into a film, he said, "I hope readers will find it to be as satisfying as the movie inside my head." Collins has developed his talent from his home in Iowa since he was a junior-high student creating magazines to distribute to his classmates in school hallways. "I was always a believer that a writer could live anywhere," he said. And his international fan-base is thankful that Iowa has produced such a talent. E-mail: DIreporter@uiowa.edu; jessica-fischoff@uiowa.edu

UI RESEARCH

UI psych prof 1st Research VP hopeful

Indiana native Michael O'Hara, a UI professor since 1980, is the first of five candidates who university officials will interview in the coming weeks

BY SARA GEAKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI announced on Wednesday that its first candidate for vice president for Research is one of the university's own. Psychology Professor Michael O'Hara has been at the university since 1980, and he has played a role in the school's research for almost 25 years. He served as the chairman of the psychology department for six years and as associate dean for research and development in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for three years, but he has bigger ideas for his role at the university. "I'm interested in having the opportunity for a larger leadership role in the university," said O'Hara, the first of five candidates who will visit the university in the coming weeks. The Research vice president reports directly to the president and works with faculty, staff, and students to facilitate research, scholarships, and creative activities, as well as strengthening relationships with research supporters, advancing economic and technological development, and overseeing research policies. The "major responsibility is administration of research," said William Decker, the interim vice president for Research. O'Hara also serves as the psychology department's director of graduate studies and the co-director of the Iowa Depression and Clinical Research Center. Preceding his career at Iowa, O'Hara, a native of Indiana,

PUBLIC FORUM

Research vice-president candidate Michael O'Hara will participate in a public forum today from 3:30-5 p.m.

served in the Navy. He has a B.A. in psychology from the University of Memphis and an M.S. and a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. O'Hara described himself as "a strong leader, imaginative, gets things done, and flexible," noting that those qualities make him a good candidate for the position. He said if the committee chooses him, future action will depend on what the

president and faculty want, adding that he plans to be receptive to their concerns and advice. Search committee member Margaret Brinig said the group looked at candidates' letters of recommendation, personal statements, and a personal interview. Criteria for the position include a "demonstrated leadership in the promotion of research" and "work experience in a doctoral/research-extensive university." O'Hara is a leader in the area of prenatal depression. He resides in Iowa City with his wife and two teenage sons. E-mail: DIreporter@uiowa.edu; sara-geake@uiowa.edu

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STATE

Student injured in what parents call assault

TOLEDO, Iowa (AP) — The father of a South Tama middle-school student says his son was assaulted during what may have been a game in which students choke each other until they pass out. The boy's father, Jerry Massengale, said school officials told him his son was playing a "fainting game," but Massengale said he viewed a videotape of the incident and believes it was an assault. Massengale said his wife was called to the school on Nov. 22 because their son was injured. The incident took place inside the school gymnasium after lunch; the video shows one student chasing his son and pinning him against the wall while he choked him, Massengale said.

Greg Darling, South Tama Middle School principal, said although it happens infrequently, kids playing such a game is nothing new. He said he's heard of the game in other districts and in other states. In Omaha, Neb., schools in 1998 were asked to send letters home to parents warning of the game then popular that some called "Choke Trance" or "The Hanging Game." In that version, young people choked themselves using a rope in hope of attaining a high through partial asphyxiation. Residents had rallies to gain attention to the game that was blamed on at least four deaths.

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Brokaw signs off as NBC anchor after 23 years

BY FRAZIER MOORE
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NEW YORK — After bringing viewers the news for nearly 23 years, NBC anchor Tom Brokaw signed off Wednesday expressing gratitude for what he got in return.

"Thanks for all that I have learned from you," he said at the end of his final "Nightly News" broadcast, his voice wavering just a bit. "That's been my richest reward."

Brokaw reminded his audience how "we've been through a lot together, through dark days and nights, and seasons of hope and joy."

"Whatever the story, I had only one objective: to get it right," he said, adding he was "always mindful that your patience and attention didn't come with a lifetime warranty."

Making good on an exit plan announced in May 2002, Brokaw, 64, is stepping away from daily journalism to pursue his varied other interests, including spending more time on his Montana ranch. But his NBC association will continue under an agreement to host at least three documentaries a year.

And if a huge story breaks, "I'll report for duty," he told the Associated Press recently. "It doesn't mean I'll go back to what I did before. They'll have to find a new role for me."

While Brokaw was saying his good-byes, Peter Jennings was praising him on ABC as "a competitor in the best sense, which in our trade means, when he beats us on a story, it is usually the result of enterprise."

Over on CBS, Dan Rather said, "For more than 30 years, I have known Tom as friend and competitor who has earned the respect of his audience, and his colleagues, myself included." Then to Brian Williams, Rather added, "Welcome to the neighborhood."

Williams, long groomed as Brokaw's successor, will take over "Nightly News" with today's broadcast. He begins at the top of the ratings, where "Nightly News" has reigned since 1997.

Brokaw's departure has been the object of ceremony the past few days, both from the press at



Tom Brokaw poses on the set of the "NBC Nightly News" in New York on Feb. 1, 2001. The longtime anchor stepped down on Wednesday.

Gino Domenica/Associated Press

large and on his own network, which last week aired a two-hour Brokaw retrospective on "Dateline NBC."

Wednesday morning, he appeared on "Today," which he once anchored, for a tribute (and a champagne toast) from current hosts Katie Couric and Matt Lauer, who paraphrased a familiar song: "Nobody does it better, and no one ever has."

"Even as we speak," Brokaw joked during the segment, "people are changing the name plate on my door."

The much-awaited shift at NBC was briefly upstaged last week by the surprise announcement that Rather will depart "The CBS Evening News" anchor chair in March after 24 years. No successor to the 73-year-old Rather, who will continue on "60 Minutes," has yet been named.

NATION

Scott Peterson's father describes a giving son

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Scott Peterson's father took the stand Wednesday in the penalty phase of his son's murder trial and described a friendly boy who sang at a senior citizens' home on Sundays, tutored young students, and distributed clothes and food in Tijuana.

"You don't know who Scott Peterson is, and it's going to be our job to show you," defense lawyer Pat Harris said on the second day of testimony in the penalty phase of Peterson's trial.

"What we're going to now show you is the 30 years that preceded this. And when we show you those 30 years, I believe that you will agree that this is a life worth saving."

The attempt to humanize Peterson came a day after Laci Peterson's

mother cried on the stand and screamed at her former son-in-law as prosecutors urged jurors to sentence him to death. Jurors must decide between execution and life in prison without parole.

Lee Peterson said his daughter-in-law's death and the subsequent trial of his son have taken a heavy emotional toll.

"I'm frightened, deeply saddened," he said, looking tired on the witness stand. "Losing someone you love and now having our son in such jeopardy — it's just beyond belief."

Court considers whether IRAs can be shielded

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court considered Wednesday how much retirement savings people can shield when they file for bankruptcy, an important question as more Americans go into debt.

The justices heard arguments in

the case of a bankrupt Arkansas couple seeking to keep their two Individual Retirement Accounts.

Bankruptcy law already protects pensions, 401(k)s, Social Security, and other benefits tied to age, illness or disability. Most justices appeared reluctant to allow the seizure of all the money in IRAs, a nest egg used by millions of people, though Justice Sandra Day O'Connor offered that some accounts might be taken to repay debts.

IRAs, which can be opened by anyone regardless of employment, allow investors to contribute up to \$3,000 annually to a fund that grows tax-free until withdrawals. It is the only retirement plan available to the self-employed, small-business owners and workers between jobs.

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U.S. will push up troops in Iraq

TROOPS

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Other military experts, however, said the escalation reflects the more intense nature of the war after the U.S.-led assault on the rebellious Sunni town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad.

"The ferocity with which the war is being waged by both sides is escalating," said Jeffrey White, a former Defense Intelligence Agency analyst who is now at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "It is not just that the number of incidents are increasing. The war looks to be changing in character."

Retired Army Col. Ralph Halenbeck, who worked in Iraq with the U.S. occupation authority last year, said he worried that the move represents a setback of the basic U.S. strategy of placing a greater burden on Iraqi security forces to control the country and deal with the insurgency. "I fear that it signals a re-Americanization ... of our strategy in Iraq," he said.

Indeed, adding troops at this point is the opposite of what senior Pentagon officials expected when the war began in March 2003. Before the invasion, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz dismissed an estimate by Army Chief of Staff

Gen. Eric Shinseki that several hundred thousand troops would be needed to occupy Iraq after Saddam Hussein's regime fell. "I am reasonably certain that they will greet us as liberators," Wolfowitz told a congressional committee, "and that will help us to keep requirements down."

The original war plan, which was based on that assumption, called for a series of quick reductions in troop levels in 2003, to perhaps 50,000 by the end of that year. A revision of that plan, devised 12 months ago, called for steady reductions this year.

Instead, occupation forces hit their lowest level last winter, bottoming out at around 110,000 in

February. Then, in late March, the insurgency intensified and broadened, with heavy fighting in Shiite areas of south-central Iraq for the first time. Since then, U.S. troop numbers have risen in response to the unexpected strength and growing sophistication of the enemy.

"Plan A — what the U.S. actually did — failed, and Plan B — the adaptations since the end of 'major combat' — hasn't worked either, so far," said retired Army Col. Raoul Alcala, who has served as an advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Defense, referring to President Bush's May 1, 2003, announcement that major combat operations had ended in Iraq.

UI junior looking forward to Miss USA pageant

GULSETH

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"I have no experience eating live bugs or sitting in a tank with spiders and bugs," the 20-year-old said when asked about her biggest fears. "I don't really know if I want to practice it. We will just have to see when it comes."

While the hoopla of beauty pageants and Hollywood seems to consume the Pi Beta Phi sorority member's schedule these days, Gulseth said she overcame fears of rejection and lack of self-confidence to enter the beauty pageant.

"I was shy in high school," the psychology and elementary-education major said. "It was something that I always wanted to do, but it was beyond my comfort zone."

Gulseth's close friend, UI student Krystal Pruin, said Gulseth's confidence often wavered in the months prior to the pageant.

"She used to get so frustrated with getting in shape," Pruin said. "I knew it was a great goal of hers to win Miss Illinois, and I would just try to assure her that she would win."

Before Gulseth's first try at the Miss Illinois USA crown in 2003, she said she never owned a pair of high heels, and the only makeup she used was eyeliner. She spent countless hours learning to apply other cosmetics, practicing her stance and learning to walk in

five-inch heels for the pageant. "A couple of times people stopped me in the street to ask if I was OK — I was horrible in high heels," she said.

Even so, she was successful at the pageant. She placed in the top 15, but she wanted to do better. Her brother, UI student Mitch Gulseth, and the books of television psychologist and best-selling author Dr. Phil McGraw helped her make the stressful transformation from a regular woman in a pageant to beauty queen.

MISS USA 2005

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The aspiring model said McGraw's books

taught her to stay confident. "You can let yourself think, 'She is so pretty. How can I compete against her?' But you can't let that affect you because the only thing you can change is what you think about you," she said.

Gulseth adjusted fast, so fast that her beauty-pageant coach now calls her a natural. Although she runs 20 miles per week and eats a low-fat diet on her own, she plans to move in with her coach at the beginning of next semester, which she plans to take off from school.

"Jill will get in the top 15," said Gulseth's coach, Michelle Holmes, who has coached numerous contestants to top finishes in the Miss USA pageant. "We think she is the type of look they will like."

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Malls help out after bell ringers 'targeted'

DONATION

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"[The owners] wanted to recognize that local Salvation Armies are being affected by something corporate," said Capt. Terry Smith, the director of the Salvation Army of Johnson County.

A statement on Target's website said the corporation has had a long-standing no-solicitation policy, and earlier this year, it "determined that if we continue to allow the Salvation Army to

solicit, then it opens the door to any other groups that wish to solicit our guests."

The group had raised approximately \$11,000 from kettle donations in front of the local Target last year, so the malls' donation is meant to replace those funds that the Salvation Army will not be able to raise this year, Smith said.

"It reminded us of what a great job it does, and we wanted to step up," said Mike Hodge, the lead investor of the group owning the malls.

The Johnson County Salvation Army chapter is aiming to raise \$169,000 in kettle and mail donations from Nov. 21 to Dec. 24. After Wednesday's donation, the group has raised approximately \$53,000, Smith said.

The group has bell ringers at 13 locations in Iowa City and Coralville, and all money stays within the local community, which also prompted the mall owners to act.

"We're local malls, and we appreciate the support of the

community," Hodge said. "We wanted to give back."

Smith hopes the donation will inspire others to contribute.

"It's meant to try to encourage other local businesses to give something as well," he said.

The Salvation Army provides a variety of services for families in need, including soup kitchens, bus tickets, and hot showers. Last year alone, the local chapter served more than 22,000 meals to the hungry.

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Slockett's office caught by election tsunami

SLOCKETT

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Ballots were questioned for proper registration, undue influence, and mismatching signatures between the provisional ballot and their request forms, he said. Many of the contested votes provoked emotional responses from those residents whose ballots were in limbo and flooded the office with phone calls.

"We had a woman come in, with multiple sclerosis, in tears and in a very laborious way insisted on me writing a handwritten note explaining why her handwriting was so bad because of her physical condition," Slockett said.

Iowa law allows those who are unable to fill out a ballot because of a physical disability to appoint another to mark their ballot.

TOM SLOCKETT

Biographical Information

From: Wellman, Iowa
Education: Attended Iowa State University, beginning 1965. Did not graduate.
Age: 58
Accomplishments:
• Initiated Early Satellite Voting in a general election in Iowa, 1992.
• First Iowa government official to launch a webpage, 1993.
• Elected to the Executive Council of the UI Center for Human Rights, 2003.
• Highest vote total recorded for any candidate in Johnson County, 48,013, 2004.

because of unregistered voters casting votes or not filling out or signing affidavit forms properly.

To combat the problems the contested votes created, Slockett immersed himself in the process, helping out where his staff needed him.

Deputy Auditor Julie Gilmore said the auditor would pitch in wherever necessary, even if it meant entering data into the computer system.

"There were very few hours where we were there and he wasn't," Gilmore said, who put in 60-to 80-hour work weeks with Slockett and staff.

Slockett doesn't mind working the long hours.

"I kid myself into thinking my efforts actually make a difference," he said.

After 27 years as auditor and approaching 58 years old, he believes he has at least one more term in him, if the county will have him.

"In Johnson County, always expect challengers," Slockett said. "My philosophy is I am a loyal member of BLOP, Benevolent Loyal Order of Pessimists. We believe that behind every silver lining is a big dark cloud, and the worst is probably going to happen. And then you're either right or pleasantly surprised."

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Fire causes minor damage, official says

FIRE

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Although authorities deemed the fire minor, the evacuated mall patrons and employees, as well as curious bystanders, encircled the

perimeter of the mall, many pointing at the faint gray smoke wafting toward the sky.

Authorities blocked off roughly three downtown blocks for an hour as they doused the flames and investigated the damage.

At 3:12 p.m., the facility's fire alarm ceased buzzing, and people started to slowly trickle back into the mall. Both floors had been evacuated during the incident.

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HIV-infection rate remains steady

Despite 2001 pledge to cut new HIV infections, the rate of new cases stays the same

BY DANIEL YEE
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ATLANTA — Nearly a million Americans now have the AIDS virus, and the nation's ability to keep others from becoming infected still lags despite a government pledge four years ago to "break the back" of the AIDS epidemic by 2005.

The campaign, launched by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in February 2001, intended to cut in half the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections that have occurred every year since the 1990s.

However, the rate of new cases remains about the same, according to CDC data released Wednesday as part of the federal health agency's commemoration of World AIDS Day.

"We have a ways to go before we reach the mark of reducing new infections by half in the United States," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, the director of the CDC HIV and AIDS prevention program. He called the country's HIV infection rate "relatively stable."

"Clearly, we want to continue, and are continuing, to fund programs to reach out to people who are high-risk and are not infected," he added.

In 2001, the CDC's campaign

focused on outwardly healthy people who did not realize they had HIV — approximately one-fourth of those infected. Officials then said targeting them was key, because if they knew they were infected, they would be more likely to take steps not to spread the virus.

Such an effort "could possibly break the back of the epidemic in the United States," the CDC's Dr. Robert Janssen said then.

But the agency found that just targeting people who didn't know they had the AIDS virus was not enough. So last year, the CDC shifted gears, focusing on counseling those who knew they had HIV in an attempt to get them not to spread the virus.

Yet some advocacy groups say that effort fails to focus on drug users, or very sexually active young men, which, the groups say, is the key in preventing new infections.

"It just doesn't seem like much is really happening," said Terje Anderson, the executive director of the Washington-based National Association of People Living With AIDS. "There just is a lack of imagination or spark in terms of the kinds of programs they support. I think they are politically afraid."



Monika Flueckiger, Keystone/Associated Press
Organized by Swiss aid organizations, 6,000 candles forming a ribbon, the symbol for solidarity with AIDS patients, are lit on the Bundesplatz in Bern, Switzerland, Wednesday — World AIDS Day. The candles symbolize the 6,000 victims who die daily in Africa because of AIDS.

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NATION

More Americans saying I don't

WASHINGTON (AP) — It used to be common for men and women to get a marriage certificate not too long after collecting their high-school diploma. Not anymore.

Census Bureau figures for 2003 show one-third of men and nearly one-quarter of women between the ages of 30 and 34 have never been married, nearly four times the rates in 1970.

It's further evidence young people are focusing on education and careers before settling down and beginning families, experts say. Societal taboos about couples living together before marriage also have eased, said Linda Waite, a University of Chicago sociologist.

Jeni Landers, a 30-year-old law student from Boston, said she considers living together a requirement before saying "I do."

"I don't know how people got married before living together first," said Landers, who moved in with her fiancé after getting engaged nearly a year ago. "This is crucial to see how you get along."

Data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey released this week show the age at which someone typically marries for the first time rose from 20.8 for women and 23.2 for men in 1970 to 25.3 and 27.1, respectively, last year.

In 1970, only 6 percent of women 30 to 34 had never been married; the figure was 23 percent in 2003. The rate for never-married men in the same age group rose from 9 percent to 33 percent.

U of Oklahoma bans alcohol at frats, dorms

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Drinking will be banned at University of Oklahoma fraternities and residence halls under new policies announced Wednesday, two months after a 19-year-old student died of alcohol poisoning.

University of Oklahoma President Dan Boren said the rules will go into effect Jan. 18, the start of the next semester. Three violations will end in a student's suspension for one semester.

The university also will set up a hotline for students to report violations, and it will expand alcohol-education programs.

Drinking is already prohibited at sororities.

Boren will present the policies to the Board of Regents on Dec. 6 for approval. Regents have been involved in creating the plan and support it.

"These policies send a strong signal that alcohol abuse will not be tolerated at the University of Oklahoma," Boren said.

Student Blake Hammontree died Sept. 30 after a Sigma Chi fraternity party; he had a blood-alcohol content more than five times the legal limit. The frat has since been shut down.

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Supreme Court silence a temporary reprieve But federal decision on gay marriage will eventually need to be made

Let the culture war begin — the U.S. Supreme Court decided this week not to hear a challenge to the legality of same-sex marriages in Massachusetts as established by that state's highest court, allowing states the continued option of deciding whether marriage between individuals of the same sex is legal. Although the Supreme Court has, for the time being, rightfully decided to leave the matter of same-sex marriages to the states, it's only a matter of time before the justices on that court will have to weigh in on the matter.

The appeal was brought to the court by the conservative-leaning Liberty Counsel and on behalf of Robert Largess, the vice president of Catholic Action League of Massachusetts, along with 11 state lawmakers. They argued that the Massachusetts decision allowing same-sex marriages was in violation of the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of a republican government. The suit also contends that the decision should have been left up to the voters and legislators of Massachusetts, which has issued 4,200 marriage licenses since the ruling by the state's high court.

The Supreme Court decision not to hear the case is a victory for proponents of same-sex marriages, but this will most likely be short-lived. The Liberty Council promises to continue the fight against gay marriages in Massachusetts, and it also will persist with a proposed federal amendment ban. Most significantly, President Bush has repeatedly made clear his plans to pursue such an amendment in his second term. White House spokesman



Scott McClellan said, "The president remains firmly committed to moving forward on a constitutional amendment that would allow the voice of the people to be heard." However, Vice President Dick Cheney continues to maintain his stance that the decision on same-sex marriages should be left up to the states, not the federal government.

On Nov. 2, 11 states passed laws banning gay marriage. Despite the swiftness with which this was done, overall public opinion shifts when it comes to civil unions. Americans oppose granting marital status to same-sex couples, 62 to 35 percent, but on the issue of civil unions, 49 percent are in favor and 48 percent are against, making it an even split.

With the state bans on gay marriages and the numerous cases that are in the works in lower courts, it is inevitable that the Supreme Court will eventually voice an opinion on the matter, so gay-rights advocates shouldn't become too excited. Both sides of the argument agree that sooner or later, a final decision will have to be made at the federal level. The issue of gay marriage should be left up to the states — the U.S. Constitution should never be amended to withhold rights, only to preserve them — but that does not mean the U.S. Supreme Court should turn a deaf ear to this significant social issue. If gay and lesbian relationships must be legislated federally, it should be for the purpose of preserving rights to civil unions while allowing individual states to make the final determination on marriages.

COMMENTARY

Time to ditch the attitude, President Bush

With a backdrop of severely strained ties between the United States and Canada in recent years, President Bush visited Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin this week to discuss those tensions and address issues on which the two nations disagree. Whether the president is genuinely interested in repairing the scarred relations that exist, however, is becoming increasingly questionable, given his rhetoric.

On Monday, Bush acknowledged the widespread opposition among Canadians to his war in Iraq but asserted that "I'm the kind of fellow who does what he thinks is right and will continue to do what I think is right." When confronted with polls suggesting that Canadians are increasingly resistant to his administration's strategy on foreign policy, the president claimed that he wasn't aware of with polls but pointed to his recent re-election as evidence that "the foreign policy of the Bush administration ought to stay in place for four more years."

Statements such as this once again generate serious doubts about Bush's willingness — or perhaps lack thereof — to cooperate with America's allies or even to acknowledge that such cooperation is necessary. In iterating his commitment to do what he "think[s] is right," Bush was clearly trying to show resolve in the face of opposition.

But there's a tremendous difference between displaying resolve and simply refusing to even recognize or listen to dissenting viewpoints, a practice that

Bush has employed since the beginning of his presidency. Particularly when more than 80 percent of Canadian citizens opposed the Bush administration's decision to invade Iraq, it is recklessly irresponsible for the president to dismiss that opposition coming from one of America's once-closest allies. And his argument that the Nov. 2 election was a clear endorsement of his foreign policy is less than convincing when we consider that just under half of American voters voiced their disapproval of it at the polls on that day.

At least 5,000 demonstrators gathered in Ottawa, Canada's capital city, to protest Bush's visit. With such prominent discontent over his policies, the president would have been wise to apply some diplomacy during his visit and fix the broken relations that exist with our neighbors to the north. Instead, he chose yet again to take an approach that is at best counterproductive, and at worst, disgustingly arrogant. To dismiss the views of others simply because they are inconsistent with his own while insinuating that international opinion doesn't matter and conceding not a single mistake is not the way to mend ties that have been frayed. Indeed, if Bush has any desire to restore America's reputation with its friends — which was a serious concern on the minds of voters during his campaign — he needs to ditch the haughty attitude and start emphasizing cooperation over confrontation.

LETTERS

Differences should be celebrated

Iowa City is one of the nation's greatest examples of diversity. The community stands with arms open to those of almost every background; yet oftentimes, political diversity is met with disdain and even hostility. A city can't pride itself on openness when the discussion is one-sided. The greatest dangers to democracy are those who intimidate and suppress differences. Discourse and disagreement are the cornerstones to a free nation.

In a society that champions free speech, one must not stifle differences, especially when the reasoning isn't known. Some are oblivious to this and instead lash out at strangers while blinded by ignorance. A person shouldn't fear vandalism in retaliation for displaying bumper stickers. Yet examples can be seen across Iowa City of those who cannot handle political differences. One example of thoughtless vandalism found on cars is a sticker that reads, "What good fortune for

governments that the people don't think." — Hitler." I say what good fortune for a people that the citizens aren't blinded by emotion.

There are radicals everywhere, but a pattern is witnessed in Iowa City. Intolerance is the hallmark of an unfree nation and doesn't belong in America. Allusions to Nazi Germany are fitting for these vandals whose actions fail to aid any cause; there is a concept that they do not grasp: Americans are turned off by radical venom.

There is a new song for this situation: "Bumper of my SUV," by Chely Wright. One verse stands out more than others:

"Does she think she knows what I stand for
 Or the things that I believe
 Just by looking at a sticker for the U.S. Marines"

On the bumper of my SUV
 I hope these vandals one day run across
 this song. It may just make them think —
 stranger things have been known to happen.

Brett Barker
 UI student

Kuchma has to go

I would like to add several comments to the articles on Ukraine featured in the Nov. 30 *Daily Iowan*. The issue that Ukraine is divided is a secondary problem. Only a small group of corrupt officials claim separatist ideas, while ordinary people do not want to see Ukraine divided. The primary issue is the fight against Soviet mentality that seems to be coming back in the Russian government.

I think that the United States and Western Europe should pay much more attention to this issue, because a neo-U.S.S.R. is on its way to being created. The Russian media are in a much worse condition than Ukrainian media, and Russia is strategically a more important country for the world than Ukraine. If the world leaders claim that they want to see Ukraine as a democratic country, they should press the current President Leonid

Kuchma to resign and admit that the new president is Viktor Yushchenko. The leaders should realize that the current regime does not play by their rules. Instead, its loyalty is deeply rooted in the Russian government that can cover up the corrupt deeds of Kuchma and those surrounding him. As the result, no talks will bring the democracy to Ukraine unless Kuchma is gone. The lies, corruption, brainwashing, and fear are the tools that he and his supporters are familiar with. Not talks.

As the situation is now, new elections proposed by Kuchma are not a credible solution. I hope that leaders understand this. The government will think of something else to rig the results. But there will be no people in the streets after that because the Ukrainian people will feel betrayed by democratic countries.

Olena Chyruk
 UI graduate student, Ukrainian native

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ON THE SPOT

Should gay marriage be an issue left up to the states or federal government?



"It should just be legal."

Todd Randels
 UI senior



"Who cares?"

Jon Ericson
 UI junior



"It should be legal either way."

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 UI senior



"I don't think it should be an issue at all."

Amelia Garfinkel
 UI sophomore

Happy Thanksgiving

It seems safe to assume that many people no longer believe the myths about the first Thanksgiving, which claim that colonizing white people were able to temporarily tame the savage Indians to share a meal of cornbread and turkey. Despite the fact that many U.S. public schools still teach these blatant lies (though to be sure, not all do), most people today understand that Native Americans, true to their name, worked and lived on this land first, years before European settlers arrived or even knew they existed; and suddenly, the American Indians were fighting for their lives when conquerors showed up, who somehow expected their white Puritan values, much younger and less-tested beliefs, to be widely accepted. When native tribes refused these drastic, unnecessary changes, they were persecuted, called ruthless and depraved, while Europeans wielded guns and brought diseases that wiped out thousands of indigenous people; and today, we find a grossly reduced number of American Indians (compared with the original estimated population counts) living on reservations.

And still we continue to pick on indigenous people today. It apparently isn't enough to have brought such pain in the past, nor is it disgusting enough that along the way we haven't made right the wrongs of the past the best we could. We still mock their culture with our athletics mascots, and we still use degrading terms and misinterpret their way of life. And for the Thanksgiving holiday, as the nation stuffed itself with rich foods and slept off the tryptophan effects, American Indians continued to fight against white oppression in new and unusual ways.

This story actually begins several years ago, when two culprits, Republican lobbyists Mike Scanlon and Jack Abramoff, associates of House majority leader Tom DeLay, began working to close casinos run by American Indians, which are often a major source of revenue on reservations that have been previously stricken with horrible rates of poverty and unemployment. Along with their pal, religious activist and former Christian Coalition director Ralph Reed (Bush re-election campaign chairman for the Southeast, as well), the men worked to close reservation casinos so they could later extract personal payments and campaign funding from American Indians who would comply with men offering to reopen their businesses, unaware the same men were working behind the closings.

Many separate incidents demonstrate the guilt of the men involved. In 2001, Scanlon and Abramoff backed a grassroots movement to close a Tigua casino near El Paso, Texas. Once the tribe paid Reed several million dollars, he founded the Committee Against Gambling Expansion, many say veiled as a Christian interest group. The committee was not only responsible for closing currently operating casinos but for defeating initiatives in such states as Alabama, where the Poach Creek tribe was hoping to open establishments that would compete with those of the Choctaws in Mississippi.

Once the Tigua's Speaking Rock casino closed, Scanlon and Abramoff approached the tribe and offered, for an estimated sum of \$4.2 million in total costs, to lobby to reopen the casino. Political donations of approximately \$300,000 plus other fees were demanded despite the fact that the reservation had a taken a huge financial hit since closing its biggest financial resource. And in the end, Abramoff and Scanlon failed to reopen the casino.

Other incidents mar the records of these men, related and unrelated. Since 1998, for instance, Abramoff has been paid more than \$11 million dollars by the Choctaw tribe in Mississippi. Abramoff's record of bizarre, hateful work also includes being founding chairman of apartheid government-funded International Freedom Foundation, a group that worked to maintain and defend white supremacy in South Africa and claimed, among other things, that Nelson Mandela was a communist.

Abramoff's lawyer insists that his innocence will be shown, but I think e-mails calling the tribal officials "moronic" and "troglodytes" will tell a different story.

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, D-Colo., the only American Indian currently serving in Congress, said it best: "For 400 years, people have been cheating Indians in this country, so you're not the first one, Mr. Scanlon. It's just a shame that in this enlightened day that you've added a new dimension to a shameful legacy of what's happened to American Indians." Hearings continue as duped, angry, and embarrassed tribes cooperate with authorities. Stay tuned. And happy holidays. ■



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— President Bush

Bush asks Canada for Iraq help

The president admits U.S. can be difficult 'elephant' to live next to

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — President Bush asked Canadians on Wednesday to move beyond their deep opposition to the Iraq war and get behind his vision of democracies blooming from Baghdad to the West Bank.

"Sometimes even the closest of friends disagree, and two years ago, we disagreed about the course of action in Iraq," Bush said, standing at the side of Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

Bush said, "There is no disagreement at all with what has to be done in going forward. We must help the Iraqi people secure their country and build a free and democratic society."

He conceded that the United States can be a difficult "elephant" to live next to, but he delivered a forceful defense of his approach to combating terrorism.

"We must take the fight to them, we must be relentless, and we must be steadfast in our duty to protect our people," he said.

Former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien refused to send Canadian troops to Iraq, and polls show more than 80 percent of Canadians still support that decision.

Bush's visit to this port city was linked to the 9/11 attacks, the defining event of his presidency and the spark for his eventual decision to invade Iraq.



President Bush delivers a foreign-policy speech at Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday.

On the day of the terror attacks against New York and Washington in 2001, some 33,000 passengers on airplanes bound for U.S. airports were diverted to Canadian provinces, including Nova Scotia.

"These were places that many abroad had never heard of. They are now places that few of the passengers will ever forget," Martin said.

Bush offered a belated thank you and used the moment to seek a fresh start with Canadians.

"For days after 9/11, Canadians came to the aid of men and women and children who were worried and confused and had nowhere to sleep," the president

said inside the Port 21 Museum, a historic site that was for decades a gateway for immigration and troop movements.

"You opened your homes and your churches to strangers. You brought food, you set up clinics, you arranged for calls to their loved ones, and you asked for nothing in return," the president said.

"Thank you for your kindness to America in an hour of need."

"Beyond the words of politicians and the natural disagreements that nations will have, our two peoples are one family and always will be," he said.

Reminders of the disagreements were just outside.

A couple of hundred protesters chanted anti-Bush slogans and held signs that read, "PM (Prime Minister) don't make deals with the devil," "Terrorists go home," and "Thanks for nothing."

Bush's audience sat mostly in silence as he called on Canadians and other allies to join him in "great goals," each of them relating to terrorism and each long ingrained in Bush policy.

First, he said, America and close friends such as Canada must make sure institutions such as the United Nations are "more relevant and more effective in meeting the unique threats of our time."

Ukrainian Parliament dismisses government

Afterward, the leader of the opposition agrees to pull protesters back from government buildings

BY DANIEL WILLIAMS
WASHINGTON POST

KIEV, Ukraine — The Ukrainian Parliament voted Wednesday to dismiss the government headed by the declared winner of a disputed presidential vote, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, handing the opposition a victory in its campaign to overturn national election results.

Several hours after a vote of no confidence in the government, the opposition leader, Viktor Yushchenko, decided to pull back tens of thousands of supporters who had been blocking government offices. The move appeared to be a gesture toward his rival's camp, but the crisis here continues to paralyze Ukraine, and there are concerns about economic as well as political stability.

On Wednesday, the candidates held talks along with foreign negotiators, who included the presidents of Poland and Lithuania and representatives from Russia and the European Union. President Leonid Kuchma, who did not run for reelection, also attended the negotiations. Officials said the meeting ended with Yushchenko's agreement to ease the government blockade, and both sides signed a preliminary accord for a possible new vote.

Javier Solana, the EU foreign-policy chief, said the talks could lead to new elections but that changes to the Ukrainian Constitution might be required.

"You may start thinking of a little bit over a month for

all these things to be in place," he told reporters following the negotiations.

At stake in the standoff are opposing visions for the former Soviet republic and its place in the world. While Yushchenko favors links with NATO and the European Union, Yanukovich, who was initially declared the winner in the Nov. 21 runoff election, sees Ukraine's destiny tied to Russia, which supported him and congratulated him on his victory before he was certified as the winner.

International monitors have said the elections were plagued by widespread fraud. The United States and the E.U. support Yushchenko's call for a new ballot.

The Supreme Court met for a third day Wednesday to consider the claims of election fraud. The court is empowered to invalidate local results but not the overall national election. The Central Elections Commission had initially declared Yanukovich the victor in the ballot, but Yushchenko supporters alleged there had been ballot-stuffing. Yanukovich, in turn, asserted widespread fraud by Yushchenko's supporters in Kiev and western Ukraine, the opposition leader's bases of support.

After the vote, tens of thousands of opposition supporters, identified by scarves and other garb in the campaign's orange color, clogged the streets of Kiev, the capital. Since then, they have held daily vigils at central squares and government buildings, calling their effort the "orange revolution."

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Powell wants toughness in Haiti

Secretary of State meets with Haiti's interim leaders as violence continues

BY ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Heavy gunfire rang out near Haiti's presidential palace Wednesday as Secretary of State Colin Powell met with the country's interim leaders.

Powell said international peace-keeping troops need to come down hard on street toughs and those who carry out political violence in Haiti.

"They have to forcefully take on those armed individuals of the kind who were firing this morning," Powell said after meetings at the National Palace with President Boniface Alexandre, Prime Minister Gerard Latortue, and other political leaders.

After Powell wrapped up his one-day trip, shots continued to echo through the streets. Four

people were killed and at least 11 were injured.

Bloodied gunshot victims crowded the corridors at the capital's main hospital, where U.N. police were standing guard. U.N. troops were also on alert at the national penitentiary, said Damien Onses Cardona, a spokesman for the U.N. force, now at more than 6,000 members.

Most of the clashes occurred in Bel Air, a slum loyal to ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and several blocks away from the National Palace.

Haiti is still beset with violence and political infighting as the one-year anniversary of Aristide's ouster approaches in February. The country's caretaker government has pledged open elections next fall, a goal Powell said Haiti can meet with outside help.

"The only outcome that will satisfy the U.S. is an election next year that is free and fair ... that is not fraudulent and stolen," Powell said later in his one-day trip to shore up democratic efforts in the desperately poor country.



Ariana Cubillos/Associated Press

Two U.S. Marines take position behind an SUV at the Haitian Presidential Palace as gunfire erupts in a slum several blocks away. The action took place shortly before Secretary of State Colin Powell met with Haitian political leaders in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday.

IRAQ

'I personally think that there is a legal and a moral obligation to hold elections on the set date.'

— President Ghazi al-Yawer

Leading Sunni backs Iraq election in Jan.

BY MARIAM FAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq's president, an influential Sunni Muslim, threw his support Wednesday behind holding the Jan. 30 election on time despite insurgent threats he said have paralyzed voter registration in some Sunni areas of the country.

Suicide bombers targeted U.S. and Iraqi forces Wednesday on the road to Baghdad airport and near a bridge south of the capital — grim reminders of the perilous security situation.

U.S. troops fought a half-hour gun battle with insurgents in the northern city of Mosul, and one American was wounded. Clashes also occurred between U.S. troops and insurgents in Samarra, 60 miles north of the capital, wounding three Iraqi soldiers and two civilians, Iraqi officials said.

A militant group, meanwhile, claimed it had abducted and killed three Iraqis who worked for the U.S. Marines in Ramadi, saying in an Internet posting that Iraqis who cooperate with U.S. forces will face the same treatment as if they were Americans.

Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi met Iraqi Sunni tribal leaders in Amman, Jordan, trying to drum up support for the election, which is seen as vital for building a democratic government in Iraq. Allawi ruled out meeting leaders of the insurgency but conferred with

figures who are influential in Sunni regions of central Iraq, where insurgent violence has been the fiercest.

Insurgent attacks have raised concern that voting will be impossible in some areas of central and northern Iraq, and leading Sunni clerics have called for a boycott to protest the U.S.-Iraqi offensive on Fallujah and the continued American military presence.

That prompted several key Sunni Arab politicians to call for delaying the balloting by up to six months to buy time to resolve the security crisis and persuade Sunni clerics to drop their boycott call.

However, President Ghazi al-Yawer, who wields considerable influence among Sunni tribal figures, told reporters in Baghdad he opposed any delay.

"I personally think that there is a legal and a moral obligation to hold elections on the set date," he said. "Legally and morally, we have to abide by the date set for the elections in the country's administrative law," which mandates a ballot by the end of January.

Al-Yawer acknowledged security in some Sunni areas has disrupted preparations for the election, in which Iraqis will choose a national parliament to draft a permanent constitution.

"There are areas in Iraq where the security situation is very bad," he said. "There are areas where no one has been able to give out even one voter registration sheet."



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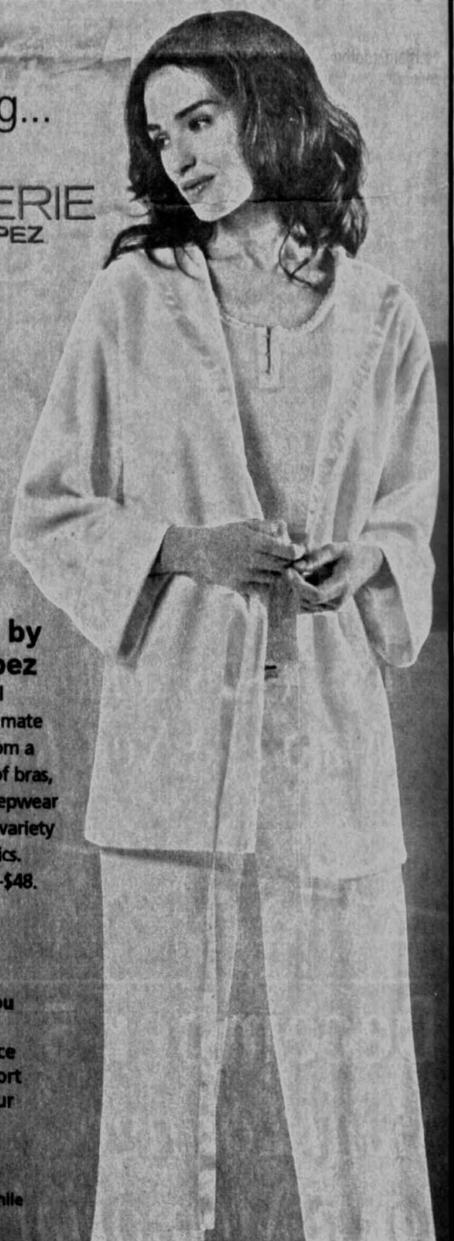
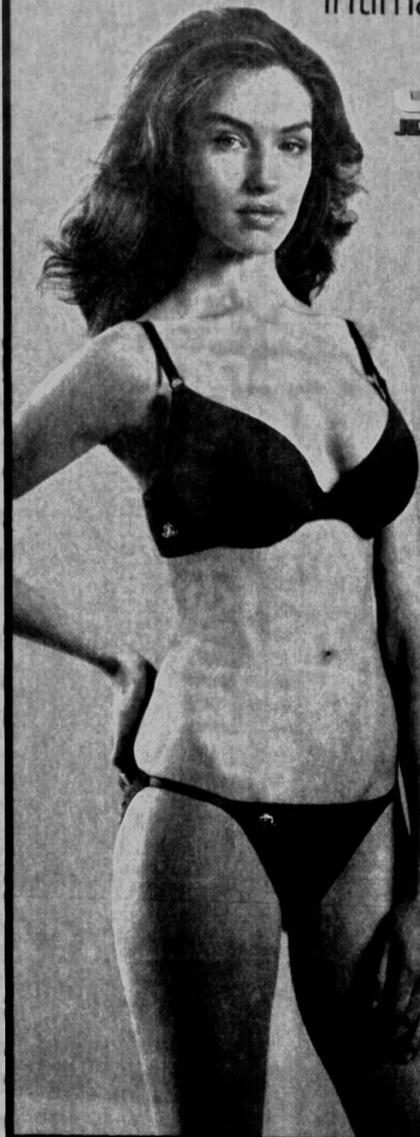
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 Illinois' Dee Brown (right) drives around Wake Forest's Chris Paul during the first half in Champaign, Ill., on Wednesday.

BASKETBALL

No. 5 Illinois whacks No. 1 Wake Forest

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Top-ranked teams might want to think twice about visiting Assembly Hall. Roger Powell Jr. scored 19 points, Dee Brown and Luther Head added 16 each, and No. 5 Illinois made No. 1 Wake Forest look more like a nonconference patsy in a 91-73 rout Wednesday night.

With 8:34 still to play, the "Orange Krush" student section broke into chants of "OVERRATED!" In the final minutes of the game, there were chants of "WE'RE No. 1."

NCAA

Parker nominated for Broyles Award

Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker was named a finalist Wednesday for the Broyles Award, given to the top assistant football coach in the nation.

Iowa's defense under Parker, 63, ranks fifth nationally against the run with 90.18 yards a game and is ninth nationally in total defense with 289 yards a game. Last year, Iowa ranked seventh nationally in scoring defense and eighth in rushing defense.



Parker

Parker is one of six finalists for the award.

The others are Boise State offensive coordinator Chris Peterson, Oklahoma offensive coordinator Chuck Long, Auburn defensive coordinator Gene Chizik, California defensive coordinator Bob Gregory, and Connecticut offensive coordinator Norries Wilson.

— Associated Press

BRAWL

2 banned from Detroit arena

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Two men were banned from events at the Palace for what the Detroit Pistons say is their involvement in last month's NBA brawl.

John Green and Charlie Haddad were sent letters informing them of the ban, which also includes events at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston, Pistons spokesman Matt Dobek said on Wednesday. The Clarkston site is another holding of the Palace Sports and Entertainment organization.

Apart from Pistons games, the Palace hosts figure-skating competitions and concerts. The DTE Energy Music Theatre holds concerts.

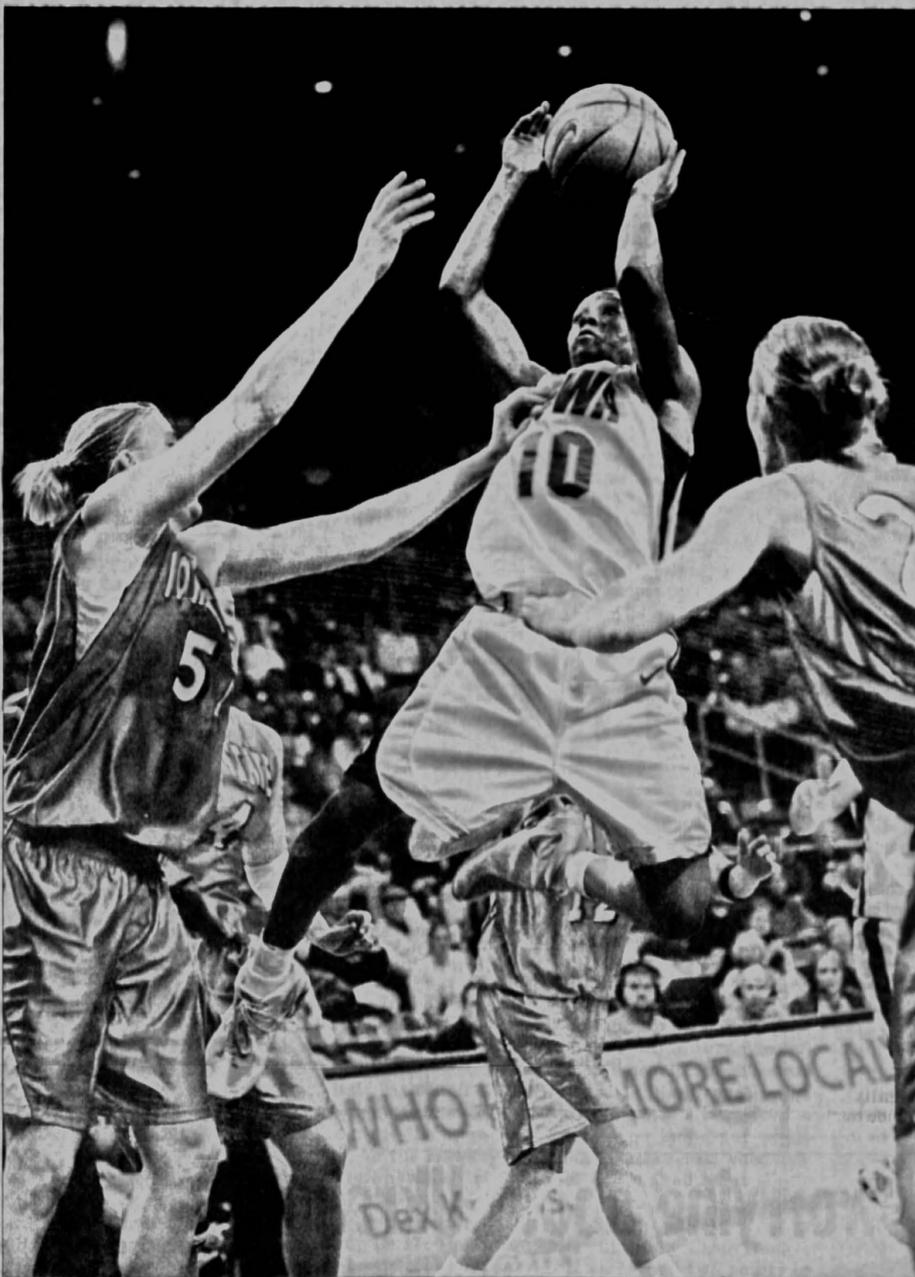
TRIVIA

Do you know the answer?

Q: Who holds the record for most turnovers in a NBA career?

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — IOWA 89, IOWA STATE 80



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
 Hawkeye guard Crystal Smith skies to the hoop over Iowa State's Brittany Wilkins (left) and Tracy Paustian during the second half of Iowa's 89-80 victory. Smith had a career night, leading the Hawkeyes with eight rebounds, eight assists, and 17 points.

SMITH NEVER STOPS

CRYSTAL SMITH'S stats take the Hawks to a 5-0 lead for the season

BY TED MCCARTAN
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Watching Iowa junior guard Crystal Smith for a whole basketball game will make your eyeballs tired. She never seems to lose her step.

Her never-ending style of play gave 4,011 pairs of eyes a treat in Iowa's 89-80 win over Iowa State Wednesday night at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, making the Hawkeyes' start a flawless 5-0.

Smith's stat line would have had fantasy geeks drooling: 17 points, eight rebounds, eight assists, and four steals. The rebounds and assists were career highs. What you won't see in most stat sheets, but just as impressive, is the seven times she led the Hawkeyes down the floor in transition, essentially outrunning the other nine players on the court. You also won't see the floor-burns on her knees from the many times she hit the deck.

"She was tremendous," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said.

One of her more violent crashes occurred with a minute left in the first half. She went for a rebound under ISU's basket with Iowa ahead by 19 points. Meanwhile, fans ascended the stairs hoping to beat the concession lines for refills.

"All I did was what my coach wanted me to do," she said modestly after the game.

SEE SMITH, PAGE 3B

Hawkeyes take down Iowa State, 89-80

'This is a great win for our program.'
 — COACH BLUDER

BY RYAN LONG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Early and often was the theme of the night, as Iowa's women's basketball team defeated Iowa State, 89-80. The Hawkeyes (5-0) outscored the Cyclones (3-1) 45-26 in the first half, which was enough to hold off a second-half Iowa State comeback.

"This is a great win for our program," said Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder. "I thought in the first half, we came out and just dominated defensively. We let up at too many points in the end, but we took the game away in the first half."

Iowa established its fast-break early on; Crystal Smith, who had a career-high eight rebounds and eight assists, converted on a lay-up while being fouled by Cyclone guard Lyndsey Medders. This momentum-setter brought the score to 14-11 in favor of the Hawkeyes. Center Jamie Cavey converted on two free throws at the 10:31 point of the first half, which made the score 20-11 and extended Iowa's run to 10-0.

Iowa continued to put pressure on Iowa State, creating a Cyclone scoring drought that lasted from 9:29 until 4:42 in the first half and made the score 36-13. Smith played a complete first half, posting 11 points, four assists, and three steals. Jenna Armstrong, who had a career-high 15 points, contributed a solid 3-point showing off the bench after connecting on three of eight long-range shots in the first half.

"I think you're always surprised when somebody's kicking you around a little bit," said Iowa State head coach Bill Fennelly. "We got mauled in the post in the first half, we missed a lot of easy shots, we gave them too many opportunities, and like I said, I think the key in the first half was transition baskets by them."

The second half was a much different scenario for both squads. Iowa State outscored the Hawkeyes, 54-44, and the Cyclones showed a tremendous balance in 3-pointers — Medders (two of four), Megan Ronhovde (two of eight), Anne O'Neil (two of seven), and Mary Fox (3-5). This scoring display

SEE BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B

Indiana fires DiNardo as football coach

BY KEN KUSMER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Gerry DiNardo is now the latest coach to fail at Indiana.

DiNardo was fired Wednesday, 11 days after the Hoosiers ended a 3-8 season with a 63-24 loss to in-state rival Purdue. It was his third losing season.

The firing is the first major coaching change by Athletics Director Rick Greenspan since he was hired in September as the school's fourth AD in a little more than three years.

Greenspan said there was a "sense of urgency" for turning around a football program that has not had a winning season since going 7-4 in 1994 — the 11th of Bill Mallory's 13 seasons as coach.

"The goal for us is to build a viable program," Greenspan said. "We're going to have some urgency."

A telephone message seeking comment from DiNardo, who replaced Cam Cameron after the 2001 season, was left Wednesday at his home.

DiNardo had an 8-27 record in three seasons. Freed Eichhorn, president of the school's Board of Trustees, said that record and declining attendance at games were factors in the decision to fire DiNardo.

"If you've got a problem, you don't continue the problem," Eichhorn said.

The team will start next season with its third head coach in five seasons.

Greenspan said none of DiNardo's assistant coaches have been fired and that he hoped some of them would be retained by the new coach. He said he planned to

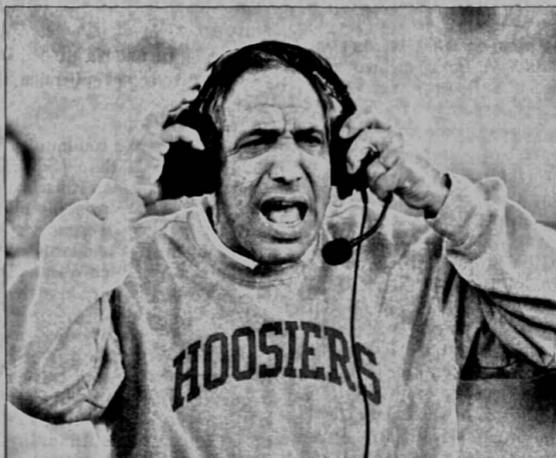
conduct a wide search for DiNardo's replacement, looking at both the college and professional ranks.

"I don't believe in quick fixes," Greenspan said. "I do believe in looking at trends and patterns."

One of those patterns is declining attendance. Crowds averaged about 28,400 this season in Indiana's 52,000-seat Memorial Stadium — down from about 35,000 the year before and the 12th-straight year attendance averaged less than 40,000. The Big Ten average for the 2003 season was 72,000.

The athletics department also faces a \$5 million debt, a situation that won't be helped as IU officials pay out the remaining two years of DiNardo's five-year contract. The agreement signed in early 2002 guaranteed DiNardo

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Ed Reinke/Associated Press

Indiana coach Gerry DiNardo yanks his headset off as he makes a plea to an official during the first half of his team's game against Kentucky in Lexington, Ky., on Sept. 18. DiNardo was dismissed as Indiana's football coach Wednesday.

SPORTS

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Who is to blame for the fight in Detroit: fans or players?

The brawl between the Pacers and Pistons on Nov. 19 was certainly a horrible thing to happen in sports. It was an event that probably should not have happened. But to put most of the blame on the players involved is certainly ridiculous. The majority of the blame should be put on the "idiot" fan who decided to throw a cup filled with a beverage of some kind at Ron Artest while he was lying on the scorers' table, as well as all the other "classy" Detroit fans who decided it was necessary to take part in the ruckus.

I know that Artest should not have gone into the stands after the guy, but this wasn't the first time a player has gone into the stands and attacked a fan. The problem I have is that more fans started throwing objects and punches at Indiana players. Tell me any other time a fan would take a swing at an NBA player other than this instance when the fans came up from behind Artest while his Indiana teammates were restraining him.

Professional athletes should have the right to defend themselves. When the Pacers were walking off the court, fans were coming at them. Why can't Artest throw a punch at the fan? What if the fan had a knife and was going to take a stab at Artest. You can't put all the blame on the players; people are taught growing up to defend themselves, and toward the end of the brawl, that's all Artest was doing.

The way David Stern handled this situation was a joke. In 1995, Vernon Maxwell jumped 12 rows deep and punched a guy who had been heckling him the whole game. He only got suspended 10 games and paid a \$20,000 fine.

Artest should not have gotten suspended for the whole season. Stephen Jackson should have gotten the most games. Jackson went into the stands unprovoked and started hitting random fans. Yes, the players made a big mistake, but in Artest's case, by suspending him for 73 games and the playoffs without pay, he is losing millions of dollars he shouldn't have to.

— by Justin Skelnik

I'm sure you're all as tired of hearing/talking/arguing about this topic as I am, but here we go one last time, I promise.

In any other profession, is it ever tolerable to hit another person while at work? No, and professional athletes should be held to the same standards as the rest of society. If I ever decided to throw a punch at my editor, although I might not be able to harness quite as much force as an angry Ron Artest, I'm pretty confident in saying that you would no longer be reading this.

I'm sick of hearing players and commentators whine about the safety and well-being of athletes during professional sporting events. Artest didn't appear to be too frightened about his safety from where I sat, nor did Steven Jackson as he launched himself into the crowd behind Artest. What was Jackson doing in the stands, anyway? Under the pretense of helping out a teammate, I think that he really just didn't want Artest to have all the fun.

We all know that Detroit fans are far from sane, but Artest is clearly a nutjob. Regardless of whether or not you have kept up with his antics over this season, let alone in the past, just listening to the testimonies of his high-school coaches and teammates following the brawl is enough to bring to light the fact that this guy has some serious issues. Funny that all of this occurred right around the time that his CD is about to come out. Coincidence? I think not.

It's one thing if fans run onto the court. If they choose to do so, they are putting themselves at risk, and although I still don't condone the aggression that was displayed on the floor of the Palace of Auburn Hills two weeks ago, fans who enter onto the court do so at their own risk.

However, athletes never, under any circumstance, should go into the stands. I don't care if someone throws a plastic cup filled with beer at you or a grenade — DON'T GO INTO THE STANDS. It's that simple.

— by Kristi Pooler

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

TRIVIA ANSWER

Moses Malone with 3,804.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mens Scores				
#5 Illinois 91, #1 Wake Forest 73				
#3 Syracuse 91, St. Bonaventure 67				
#9 North Carolina 70, Indiana 63				
#13 Pittsburgh 65, St. Francis, Pa. 41				
Gonzaga 66, #13 Washington 67				
#22 Alabama 114, East Tennessee State 77				
#24 Virginia 48, Northwestern 44				
Womens Scores				
#2 North Carolina 89, Wofford 51				
#7 Texas 80, McKeesee State 26				
#8 Connecticut 75, South Florida 65, OT				
#11 Ohio State 107, Ohio 37				
#13 Vanderbilt 96, Memphis 53				
#20 Boston College 69, Holy Cross 61				
George Washington 62, #24 Villanova 52				

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	6	.571	—
Philadelphia	6	8	.429	2
Boston	6	8	.429	2
Toronto	7	10	.412	2½
New Jersey	3	12	.200	5½
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	9	5	.643	—
Miami	10	6	.625	—
Washington	9	6	.600	1
Charlotte	3	10	.231	5½
Atlanta	2	12	.143	7
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	10	5	.667	—
Cleveland	9	6	.600	1
Detroit	7	7	.500	2½
Milwaukee	4	9	.308	5
Chicago	2	10	.167	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	13	3	.813	—
Dallas	10	6	.625	3
Houston	6	10	.375	7
Memphis	5	11	.313	8
New Orleans	1	13	.071	11
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	14	3	.824	—
Minnesota	9	5	.643	3½
Denver	8	6	.571	4
Portland	8	6	.571	4
Utah	8	8	.500	5½
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	13	2	.867	—
Washington	10	5	.667	3
L.A. Clippers	10	6	.625	3½
L.A. Lakers	9	7	.563	4
Golden State	3	11	.214	9½

Wednesday's Games

Boston 101, Milwaukee 100
Orlando 129, Toronto 108
Washington 95, New Jersey 68
New York 90, Memphis 82
Sacramento 94, New Orleans 81
Chicago 92, L.A. Lakers 84
San Antonio 105, Philadelphia 72
Phoenix 120, Cleveland 101
Seattle 129, Utah 119, OT
L.A. Clippers 88, Indiana 76
Minnesota 107, Golden State 99
Today's Games
Houston at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Toronto at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Indiana at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with 1B-OF Kevyn Moseley on a one-year contract.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Dave Trembley manager for Ottawa of the IL; Don Werner manager for Bowie of the Eastern League; Bien Figueroa manager for Frederick of the Carolina League; Gary Kendall manager and Orlando Gomez coach for Delmarva of the South Atlantic League; Andy Etchebarren manager, Dave Schmidt pitching coach and Cesar Davarez coach for Aberdeen of the New York-Penn League; Julio Vinas minor league hitting instructor and Tom LaFave minor league infield and baserunning instructor.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Named Yasushi Yamamoto Japan scout.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Chuck Kniffin pitching coach and Dwayne Murphy coach for Syracuse of the IL; Dave LaRoche pitching coach and John Valentin coach for New Hampshire of the Eastern League; and Tom Signore pitching coach for Auburn of the New York-Penn League.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Named Bob Miskis minor league field coordinator, Vern Ruffin minor league pitching coordinator and Steve Baumann assistant trainer. Named Robby McCray coach for Louisville of the IL and Rick Burston manager for Billings of the Pioneer League.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with INF Mike Coulbaugh, C Dax Norris, C Chris Tamm, RHP Travis Driskill and OF Barry Wesson on minor league contracts.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with C Chad Moeller on a one-year contract and LHP Rigo Ballester on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Placed G Delonte West on the injured list. Activated F Tom Gugliotta from the injured list.
CHICAGO BULLS—Placed G Jannero Pargo on the injured list. Activated F Frank Williams from the injured list.

INDIANA PACERS—Signed F Marcus Haislip.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Placed C Mamadou N'Diaye on the injured list. Activated G Lionel Chalmers from the injured list.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed F Pat Garrity on the injured list. Activated G Stacey Augmon from the injured list.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Placed C Peter John Ramos on the injured list. Activated F Kwame Brown from the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed FB Luke Lawton to the practice squad. Released WR Kahli Hill from the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed DE Alex Brown to a five-year contract extension through the 2009 season.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed CB Curome Cox to the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Jamal Jones to the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed LB Winston Taylor to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed DB Omare Lowe to the practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Waived DT Shaun Smith. Released WR Nathan Black from the practice squad. Signed LB Darrin Smith.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed FB Chris Herrington. Released LB Marquale Tuttle.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed G Jason Nerys and WR Kevin Youngblood to the practice squad. Released DB Kentrell Curry and RB Sultan McCullough from the practice squad.

IOWA SPORTS

Saturday	Field House pool, 1 p.m.	Intrasquad
• MEN'S SWIMMING —	• WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS —	Field House, 2 p.m.
Indiana, Southern Illinois,	Black & Gold Intrasquad	Dec. 5
Purdue	Field House, 2 p.m.	• WRESTLING — Iowa
Bloomington, Ind., 1 p.m.	• MEN'S GYMNASTICS	State
• WOMEN'S SWIMMING	— Black & Gold	Carver-Hawkeye, 6 p.m.
— Iowa State		

Klitschko training, worrying about Ukraine

BY TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Vitali Klitschko begins his day an hour earlier than usual, waking at 6 a.m. so he can have some time before training for his heavyweight title defense against Danny Williams.

That's when he gets on the phone with friends and family in Ukraine, getting the latest news on the country's presidential crisis just as the sun begins to come up in Los Angeles.

One of the biggest fights of his career is less than two weeks away, but Klitschko is just as concerned over the fight for democracy in the country in which he was born.

"We're Ukrainian citizens, and what happens is very close to us," he said. "I'm keeping focus for training and the fight, but it is also important what is happening in my country."

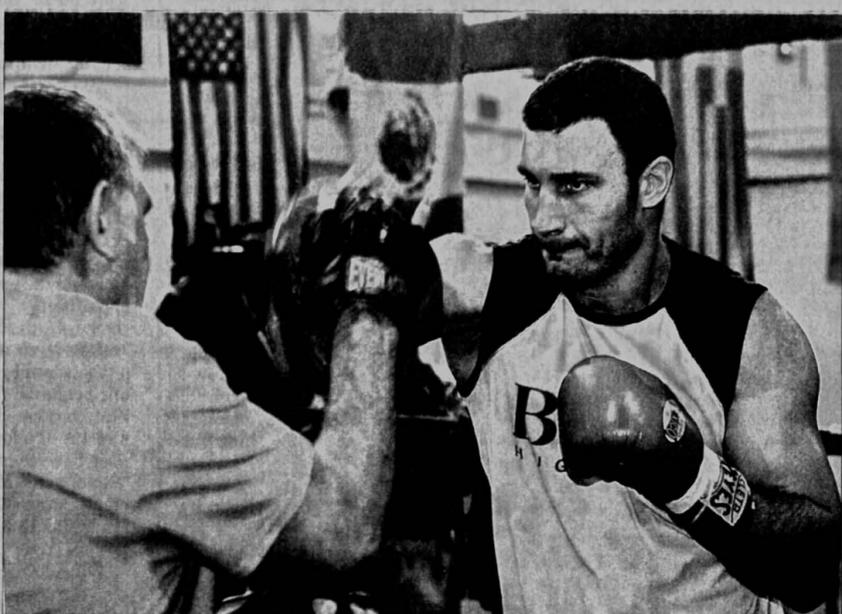
Klitschko and his brother, Wladimir Klitschko, have been prominent figures in the protests that have paralyzed Ukraine since pro-Western candidate Viktor Yushchenko was declared the loser in an election many suspect was fraudulent.

They've made videos in support of democracy, and Wladimir Klitschko spent four days last week in Ukraine among the protesters in the street. All the while, Vitali Klitschko is getting ready to defend his WBC heavyweight title for the first time, Dec. 11 against Williams.

"It's difficult, but in life nothing is easy," Vitali Klitschko said on Wednesday.

The sons of a helicopter pilot in the former Soviet Union's armed forces, Wladimir and Vitali Klitschko have taken a leading role in recent months speaking out on the need for Ukraine to have democracy and a free press.

Last week, Yushchenko called Vitali Klitschko to thank him for his support, while Wladimir Klitschko spoke on the streets to



Vitali Klitschko spars with trainer Fritz Sdunek during a light workout in Los Angeles on Wednesday. Klitschko is preparing to meet Danny Williams for the heavyweight championship in a fight in Las Vegas on Dec. 11. He and his brother, Wladimir Klitschko, have also been outspoken in protesting the disputed presidential election in Ukraine, their homeland.

urge protesters on. "Our father was communist, and I grew up with the old Soviet Union ideology," Vitali Klitschko said. "It was brainwashing all the time. Right now, I spend a lot of time in the West, and I can see the difference between West and East. I wish my country to go the democratic way."

Vitali Klitschko, who lives in Los Angeles with his wife and two young children but travels frequently to Ukraine, will meet Williams in a scheduled 12-round fight at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino.

The bout is a major test against the man who knocked out Mike Tyson, and Vitali Klitschko will spar 10 rounds today in his final big preparation. As always, Wladimir Klitschko will be in his corner, urging him on.

The Klitschkos hope the

world will be watching so they can use the stage to promote new elections in Ukraine.

"I hope this fight will be a very important message for everybody in Ukraine and the world," Vitali Klitschko said. "I know the result of my fight is very important for Ukraine."

Both Klitschkos say they are saddened by the view the world is getting of Ukraine, which became an independent country following the breakup of the Soviet Union. They think of their country as a place of honest, hardworking people who simply want to be free.

Wladimir Klitschko went to Ukraine after the vote and spent four days giving interviews and telling his countrymen of his support for democracy.

"It was very important to be present there," Wladimir

Klitschko said. "I supported people in Independence Square and sent the message that we support democracy."

Vitali Klitschko nearly canceled the fight and went himself, only to be talked out of it by supporters who said the fight would give him a platform.

On Wednesday, Yushchenko signed a deal for his supporters to lift their siege of government buildings and proposed a new run-off vote between him and the declared winner, Viktor Yanukovich.

But he urged backers not to give up mass demonstrations, and the battle might be ongoing when Klitschko fights.

That means Vitali Klitschko will have two jobs in the upcoming days — talking about violence in the ring while urging none in Ukraine.

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Smith helps Hawks to victory over ISU

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And it didn't start there for Smith. She was the first player from either team to score. After the first seven minutes, Abbey Emmert was relieved by Jenna Armstrong, so Smith moved to play point guard. Shortly after, everything started clicking.

"She set the tone right out of the gate," ISU coach Bill Fennelly said.

With just under 12 minutes to play in the first half, she beat everyone down the floor and made a lay-up despite a foul. Two minutes later, she made her only 3-pointer of the game, only to hustle down to the defensive side of the floor and break-up an ISU pass seconds later. Both plays fueled a rowdy Iowa crowd, as well as the Hawkeyes 26-2 run in the first half.

"She's a good defender and was able to get some steals," ISU guard Anne O'Neil said. "And she was very quick up the floor."

Iowa State got a breather from Smith's defense when she came out for the first time of the game with 9:23 left in the first half, but Smith didn't take the opportunity to relax. While on the bench she seemed to be the most outspoken Hawkeye, clapping and cheering on her teammates between sips of water and reminders from coaches and teammates that standing, while out of the game, isn't allowed.

During her absence from the court, a scoring drought lasted more than two minutes, until Iowa senior Armstrong nailed a 3. As Armstrong's 3 passing through the net, Smith was hustling to the scorers' table to check in. She returned to action, tipped a pass, beat everyone down the floor, and scored on an easy lay-up.

She continued running down loose balls in the second half, except for a brief 2½ minute recharge with 11:28 remaining in the game. She continued to be, so it seemed, everywhere.

"The thing I've always said about really good players is that she can beat you on both



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
Hawkeye Crystal Smith follows Cyclone Anne O'Neil on Wednesday evening in Carver-Hawkeye. Smith shut down the Cyclone backcourt with four steals and led the Hawks to a 89-80 win.

ends of the court," Fennelly said. "And I think Crystal Smith is a really good player."

As the Cyclones made a seven-point run and bluffed a comeback, it was Smith who took over the point guard position from freshman Abbey Emmert with five minutes to play.

She seemed to make up for her own mistakes — including a traveling violation with one minute remaining — by picking up a loose ball, as she did 20 seconds later.

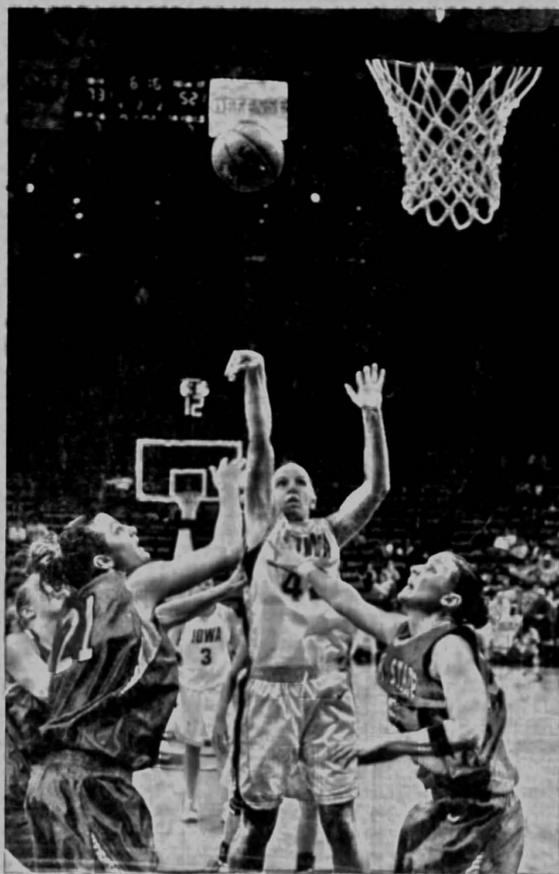
Afterwards, Fennelly was impressed with the player he saw, and relieved he won't have to see her again in the regular season.

"To her credit, she's a lot better player than she was last year. I was very impressed. We're not going to play against very many guards like her," Fennelly said. "I hope not, anyway."

Smith finished the game, again, sprinting down the court in solitude. She caught the pass that broke Iowa State's full-court pressure with only seconds remaining. In stride, while the buzzer sounded, she shot a running jumper in the lane while everyone else on the court stood stagnant. Even if she would have made the shot, it wouldn't have counted.

Oh well, at least she could finally relax.

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Iowa junior Tiffany Reedy shoots a short jumper from the paint on Wednesday night in Carver-Hawkeye against Iowa State.

Hawks up their record, 5-0

BASKETBALL

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put Iowa back on its heels but not enough to be knocked down.

Iowa State capped off a 9-0 run after a lay-up from Katie Robinette made the score 73-59 in favor of the Hawkeyes. Armstrong answered right back with 4:40 to play and knocked down a 3-pointer that put Iowa up by 17. The back-and-forth battle continued for the rest of the game as the Cyclones brought it as close as eight points with 58 seconds to play off a lay-up from Ronhovde. A steal by Smith with

40 seconds to play, however, ended any of Iowa State's thoughts of a comeback.

Cavey realizes the importance of Smith and her teammates creating turnovers in key pressure situations.

"Crystal [Smith] will get a lot of her steals because she knows, you know, our whole team can just sense, when they feel it's rushed, that that's when we're going to get steals by helping each other out in times like that," Cavey said.

Iowa earned two points in the Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk series; the Hawks are off to their best start since the 1995-96 season.

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Indiana fires head football coach DiNardo

DINARDO

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at least \$530,000 a year — a base salary of \$225,000 plus outside income.

"We need to find someone who can look beyond the past, look beyond the recent past, look beyond perhaps what some others would say: 'Is the task too large?'" he said.

DiNardo inherited a team that was weakened by the departure of record-setting quarterback Antwaan Randle El. But this season started with promise: For the first time in his three years, the Hoosiers started the season with a full allotment of 85 scholarship players. They opened 2-0, for the first time since 1996, after a row upset of then-No. 24 Oregon.

The season quickly soured, however, as the Hoosiers lost their next five games by an average of 16 points before upsetting then-No. 24 Minnesota for their only Big Ten victory of the year.

After the season-ending rout by Purdue, DiNardo said, "This was just about the worst day we've had as a team."

DiNardo is the 10th Indiana coach since Bo McMillan left in 1947 to fail to produce an overall winning record.

DiNardo played at Notre Dame and was a member of the Irish's 1973 national championship team. He was 32-24-1 at LSU, where he led the Tigers to three-straight bowl appearances during 1995-97 but was fired 10 games into the 1999 season. He went 19-25 at Vanderbilt, its best four-year span in 25 years.

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Comptroller: Yankees owe NYC \$3.6M

BY TIMOTHY WILLIAMS
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NEW YORK — The Yankees owe the city almost \$3.6 million, because the team underreported its revenue and overstated its allowable deductions, according to an audit released Wednesday by New York City Comptroller William Thompson.

The audit covered 2001 and 2002. Thompson said the team has agreed to pay only around \$2.5 million of the \$3.59 million the comptroller says it owes the city.

"The Yankees have been extremely cooperative in meeting to discuss this matter, but nevertheless [we] disagree on

the amount of money owed the city," Thompson said.

New York owner George Steinbrenner played down the differences.

"We have agreed with virtually all of the elements of the audit, though there are some small disagreements still to be settled," spokesman Howard Rubenstein said.

The audit found that during the two years examined, the Yankees underreported their cable-television revenue by approximately \$7 million, their concessions by \$1.2 million, and revenue from paid attendance by \$33,214. The audit says they overreported deductions made

to Major League Baseball by approximately \$34 million.

The Yankees' lease with the city requires the club to pay either an annual minimum rent of \$200,000 or a percentage of revenues from admissions, concessions, wait service, paid parking, and a portion of cable-television receipts, whichever is greater.

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SPORTS

Jeter says he could work with Pedro

BY RONALD BLUM
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NEW YORK — When Derek Jeter came across Pedro Martinez at Legends Field last month, the Yankees' captain wasn't surprised the longtime Boston ace was meeting with New York owner George Steinbrenner.

"Like I've said time and time again, nothing shocks me," Jeter said Wednesday. He wouldn't mind if Martinez moves from the Red Sox to the Yankees, but he isn't giving it a whole lot of thought. While he agrees with New York's decision to pursue pitching, he didn't sound too excited about the possibility of adding the three-time Cy Young Award winner.

"Pedro's one of the guys who represents the Boston Red Sox," Jeter said during a telephone conference call. "I had not thought about him being on our team because he's not. I've always been competing against him. I don't really sit down and think about him being on our side. He's always been on the other side."

Martinez met with Steinbrenner on Nov. 18 at the Yankees' spring training complex in Tampa, Fla. Martinez has received offers from the Mets and the Red Sox, who remain interested in re-signing the 33-year-old right-hander.

"We love and have enormous respect for Pedro. But he needs to understand it takes two to tango," Red Sox President Larry Lucchino told members of the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers' Association on Wednesday. "We are undeterred in our efforts to keep him."

It's not clear how much Boston will offer in the end to retain Martinez, a key component this year to Boston's first World Series title since 1918.

"Our responsibility is to field the best team that we can, given our resources for 2005 and beyond," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said at a charity event Wednesday. "The important thing is the team we put on the field ... more important than any one individual. Obviously, we know Pedro is a good pitcher. It would be fantastic if he decides to come back here."

New York lost to its longtime rival in the AL Championship Series, becoming the first major-league team to waste a 3-0 series lead in the postseason.

The Yankees have been talking to Arizona about acquiring Randy Johnson in a deal that would send Javier Vazquez to the Diamondbacks. The Yankees will meet this weekend with free-agent pitcher Carl Pavano, and they hope to sign either Al Leiter or Eric Milton in order to add a left-handed starter.

"Pitching is always the key," Jeter said. "That's what gets you the furthest, obviously, in the postseason."

New York's talks with Arizona haven't progressed, and the Yankees could turn their attention to Martinez. By signing him, the Yankees not only would help themselves but damage their rival.

"You talk about the rivalry, you think the Yankees-Red Sox, the first pitcher that comes to mind, with an exception of this year, when [Curt] Schilling got over there as well, was Pedro Martinez," Jeter said.

Epstein, too, isn't getting worked up this early. Most top free agents will sign from mid-December until mid-January.

"It's a long off-season. We try to please our fan base in October, not in November and December," Epstein said. "The most important time is October, and we got that done this year. And that's what we're going to get done every year."

"This is the first time Pedro has gotten to be a free agent. It's up to the player to talk to his family, find out what's important, see what's out there," Epstein said. "He's got to look out for his best interests and the best interest of his family. We have to look out for the organization's best interest."

While Martinez was at the center of the fight between the teams during the 2003 playoffs, Jeter said accepting him as a teammate wouldn't be a problem.

"The bottom line is you have a job to do. If someone is on your team, then you have to find a way to work together," Jeter said. "That doesn't mean that everyone you played with in the past you liked. As long as you have a common goal, that's fine."

Jeter also would like to see the Yankees hold on to Vazquez, who won just once in his last nine regular-season starts.

"It just seemed like he got into a little rut he couldn't get out of," Jeter said. "I'm sure he's going to bounce back and pitch extremely well."



Martinez met with George Steinbrenner on Nov. 18



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SPORTS

Ole Miss fires Cutcliffe after 4-7 season

BY JOEDY MCCREARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OXFORD, Miss. — Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe was fired Wednesday after his first losing season in six years with the Rebels. Ole Miss officials informed Cutcliffe of the decision early Wednesday, and he met with the team before an afternoon news conference.

"This has been a tough day, but tough times don't last ... tough people do," he said.

Cutcliffe declined to discuss specifics of his dismissal.

"We just couldn't come to an agreement," he said. "We couldn't get everything on the same page."

Athletics Director Pete Boone was also scheduled to talk with reporters.

Cutcliffe was 44-29 in six seasons at Ole Miss, 25-23 in the Southeastern Conference, and just a season removed from going 10-3 and finishing tied for first in the SEC West with Eli Manning at quarterback.

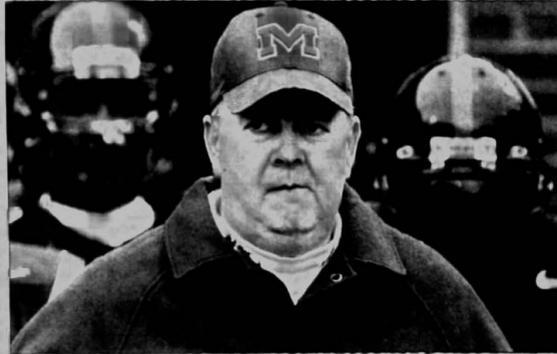
But without Manning, the first pick in the NFL draft, Ole Miss slipped to 4-7, its worst season in 10 years. The Rebels were 3-5 in the SEC and lost four games by a total of 19 points.

Cutcliffe, the former offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Tennessee, had been criticized for his handling of the quarterback position this season.

Micheal Spurlock was the starter at the beginning of the season, but he was benched midway through the second game for Ethan Flatt.

Flatt started the Rebels' next nine games. Midway through the season, Cutcliffe switched to a three-quarterback rotation with redshirt freshman Robert Lane entering the mix.

It worked well in a 31-28 victory over then-No. 25 South Carolina. But Ole Miss then lost four straight, including three to ranked teams.



Kristin Newman, Oxford Eagle/Associated Press
University of Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe waits for the start of the Mississippi State game in Oxford, Miss., on Nov. 27. Cutcliffe was fired Wednesday after the team's worst season in 10 years.

Cutcliffe met with Chancellor Robert Khayat and Boone earlier this week after the Rebels completed the season by beating rival Mississippi State, 20-3, on Nov. 27.

Cutcliffe was the only coach in school history to win at least

seven games in his first five years.

After last season's success, his contract was extended. He has three years remaining on a deal that pays about \$1.2 million annually, including perks and bonuses.

Crowton steps down as BYU football coach

BY DOUG ALDEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVO, Utah — BYU coach Gary Crowton agreed to resign Wednesday, ending a four-year stint with the Cougars that began with 12 victories and finished with three-straight losing seasons.

BYU finished 5-6 this season and went 14-21 over the last three, the school's worst three-year run since the early 1960s.

Tom Holmoe, the BYU senior associate athletics director, said at a news conference with Crowton that the coach was asked for his resignation.

"At this time, I feel like it's time for me to step down and let the football program move on in a different direction," Crowton said.

He replaced LaVell Edwards, who turned BYU into one of the most successful and entertaining programs in the country before

retiring after 29 years as Cougars coach.

"When I took the job, following LaVell Edwards was the biggest challenge," Crowton said.

He spoke at a news conference before reporters and dozens of BYU supporters, who applauded him as he walked out of the room in the stadium named for his predecessor. He met later in the afternoon with his players, who had expected a move was coming.

"I don't know if you can be prepared for a rumor to become a reality, especially when you develop such a great relationship with a coach as a man," tight end Phillip Niu said. "I have nothing but good things to say about him."

Crowton is a former Cougars assistant who was working as offensive coordinator with the Chicago Bears when he was tapped by BYU, after the 2000 season.

Crowton returned to Provo with a wide-open offense that was prolific his first season and brought back memories of BYU at its best, with Edwards guiding such quarterbacks as Steve Young, Jim McMahon, and Ty Detmer.

The Cougars started 12-0 under Crowton, making a run at breaking into the Bowl Championship Series, before losing their final two games. Crowton could never duplicate that success.

The 2003 season was BYU's worst in 30 years. The Cougars went 4-8, won only one home game, and ended the season with a 3-0 loss to rival Utah that snapped a 28-year run of not being shut out.

This season started out well with BYU beating Notre Dame 20-17. The Cougars also came within a missed last-second field goal of beating Boise State. They were 5-4 going into their final two games.



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Brigham Young coach Gary Crowton yells at officials during the second quarter against Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., on Nov. 15, 2003.

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BY ALISSA VAN WINKLE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Handmade books, stencils, words, and art adorn her desk. One of her \$10 prints of a poem by Nobel Prize-winner Seamus Heaney's work recently sold online for \$300. Each item Shari DeGraw has produced is inspired by the meaning of empyrean — "The highest realm of the heavens, God, fire, and light."

DeGraw is bound by these words — her imprint, Empyrean Press — sheds light upon many authors and their work through broadsides. Her work tells a story of intertwining the visual with words.

Inspired by work from the UI Writers' Workshop and the UI Center for the Book, in addition to visiting authors, DeGraw's appreciation for language is apparent in the sensory detail of the poems as Heaney and John Ashbery have been touched by DeGraw's artful endeavors.

She took Heaney's narrative poem about a boy in a tree and brought it to life; and the tree becomes calligraphy in a piece titled "Testimonies," while Ashbery's abstract nature is reflected in DeGraw's broadside of his poem "Ignorance of the Law is No Excuse."

DeGraw obtains an unpublished piece of writing with the consent of an author, then merges the ideas of the writer and artist on the page. Each handmade broadside, individually signed by the author, is considered to be a first edition.

The final product is sold on the night of the author's reading to memorialize the event. DeGraw's pieces can also be seen framed on the walls of Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque; they are always for sale.

SEE DEGRAW, PAGE 2C



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan

Shari DeGraw works in her studio on Wednesday afternoon.



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Art and artifacts courtesy of Shari DeGraw. Pictured are ink brushes, plates, paper swatches, thread, and examples of DeGraw's publications.



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Within the shadows of her studio, tucked away in the back of RSVP, 114 E. Washington St., is a 1960s Vandercook flatbed cylinder press with a "sculptural quality" that tantalizes DeGraw with every pressing.

"The literary, or fine, press was very active in the '20s through the '50s," she said. "It was more of a gentleman's occupation and has since circulated in the literary scene."

Broadside means "print on one side only," she said. "In news, all the space is used up, but with broadsides, generous margins are left to show it's not just about making a dollar."

The 37-year-old received her B.A. in journalism in '91, and she was a graphic designer for *The Daily Iowan* from 1989-91.

She followed her passion to the University of Alabama to get an M.F.A. in bookmaking. At the time, Alabama was the only school to offer such a degree. By 1999, she was back in Iowa City, working for Center for the Book as its fine-press director, but she decided to branch off on her own and formed Empeyan Press in 2002.

"My parents urged me to choose the most practical, but I chose the least practical," she said.

Jan Weissmiller, one of the buyers at Prairie Lights as well as its poetry-reading



Shari DeGraw works in her studio, in the back of RSVP, enhancing the color on a project. Samples of her work can be seen at Prairie Lights.

coordinator, feels that DeGraw's work "speaks to you." "She creates these beautiful objects to commemorate readings," Weissmiller said. "It melds in the mind, creating a sense of the poem, and the meaning comes through."

Cole Swensen, a finalist for this year's National Book Award and a Writers' Workshop faculty member, is known for, among many other works, her response to 17th-century

French garden and landscape designer Andre Le Notre.

DeGraw used Swensen's encapsulation of Le Notre in her broadside "The Garden as a History of a Queen," scanning maps of his garden plans in pale green to contrast with the words and creating an impression of a garden.

"Visual art is incorporated," Swensen said. "Her echo is strong, not just illustrating the

poem but making the two a single unit."

DeGraw has also published such books as the workshop faculty member Dean Young's *Original Monkey*, seen by DeGraw as "measured delirium."

"This is something you do because you love it," she said.

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MORE THAN A FEELING

US Maple wants to get to the raw emotion of rock 'n' roll

BY JASON BRIZZI
THE DAILY IOWAN

Description doesn't cut it for US Maple. The Chicago band has created its own musical language, but in chasing down the song on last year's *Purple On Time* (Drag City), the band has not only turned a lot of heads — it finally gained some understanding. Artist, poet, *High Fidelity* actor, and US Maple frontman Al Johnson offered *The Daily Iowan* some insight — in plain English.

DI: What's the mission of US Maple?

Johnson: We set out to reorganize the elements of rock 'n' roll, keeping the elements that we thought were very important, such as the performance, and the horror, and the idea of song. These are feelings that we all have when we all saw rock 'n' roll shows when we were young. A lot of them were stadium shows.

DI: So the theatrics of your live show sprang from the shows you saw growing up?

Johnson: Definitely. Judas Priest, Rush — there was a whole sort of conceptual thing happening that went beyond the music. It had a big effect on me.

DI: How did *Purple On Time* come together?

Johnson: Purple is an emotional color and "on time" — we're never on time with putting a record out — we get around to it every couple of years. A lot of the songs on *Purple On Time* are love songs for US Maple. I don't think it's a carbon copy of the last story.

DI: But you try to impart a story with each record?

Johnson: Definitely. The concept behind *Talker* was just how

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horrifying high school is. High school as the last haunted house we have in the country. *Purple On Time* goes along with our version of what love songs are.

DI: How has your acting influenced your music?

Johnson: I've been involved with small theater in Chicago for quite some time. A lot of what I do in US Maple has more to do with being in character than music. I've always had a vision of me versus the band onstage, where you have the three band members and me who's an outcast. It's this idea of trying really hard but failing. That's something that's really a part of me — this loser aspect. This character is a part of me; it's something I've generated. Being involved with theater in Chicago, I'm stronger for it.

DI: How has your onstage personality developed over the years?

Johnson: I keep editing and minimizing the things I do. I'm a big fan of slang and jargon and the way people trash language. A lot of what I do physically are gestures — I get a lot of that stuff from the streets and people of Chicago. There's a lot of passion in their physical behavior, and that's really what I pull from.

DI: Where did the simplification and structure that



Publicity photo

Al Johnson, who appeared in *High Fidelity*, is the frontman of the Chicago-based band US Maple.

He began with *Aere Thrills* come from?

Johnson: We realized that, for quite a bit of people, it's a lot to swallow. We work really hard at creating a structure where the songs that we're playing can be digested. There's a lot going on with how the guitar players are twisting and mending their parts, but we try to place it in a more simple outline. If people are going to leave a US Maple show with a wholeness, we have to deliver it in more simple terms.

DI: Do you think more people are understanding US Maple?

Johnson: I really do. I'm really surprised at how many more people we are seeing at shows. Since *Talker*, our audience has grown exponentially, many of whom are women who have told me our music has a sexual connotation.

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 • Gym Class Heroes, Halfway Home, Race the Sun, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 5 p.m., \$7
 • Johnson County Landmark big band, Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., 9 p.m., \$3
 • US Maple, Danger Adventure, Raccoo-oo-oon, Gabe's, 9:30 p.m., \$7
 • Red Smear, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., 10 p.m., \$3
 • Eddie Piccard Quartet, Siren, 124 S. Dubuque St., 8 p.m., price TBA

Words
 • "Live from Prairie Lights," Max Allan Collins, fiction, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI, 8 p.m., free

Theater
 • *Hotline* and *Home Free*, University Theatres Gallery production, Theatre Building Theatre B, 8 p.m., \$4

Misc.
 • Graduate Concert, UI dance department, North Hall Space/Place, 8 p.m., \$6

FRIDAY

Music
 • Music in the Museum, Museum of Art, 5 p.m., free
 • Volkan Orhon, double bass, René Lecuona, piano, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m., free
 • House DJ Party, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
 • Kevin BF Burt and the Instigators, Siren, 9 p.m., price TBA
 • Stuart Davis, Mill, 9 p.m., \$10
 • The Dog and Everything, Saraphine, Empeyrean, the Rosefield Rivals, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5

• *Burnt Beyond Recognition*, Bury the Survivors, Burning Love Letters, In the Rogue Blood, Gabe's, early show, time and price TBA

Words
 • "Politics of Marriage," Karen Williams, 172 Theatre Building, time and price TBA

Theater
 • *A Christmas Carol*, Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington, 8 p.m., \$25-\$30
 • *Cinderella*, Iowa City Community Theatre, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 8 p.m., price TBA
 • "Hotline" and "Home Free," Theatre B, 8 p.m., \$4
 • *The Santaland Diaries*, Circle City Acting Company, Stephen Arnold Circle Studio Theater, 213 E. 10th St., Coralville, 8 p.m., \$10
 • *No Shame Theatre*, Theatre Building, 11 p.m., \$1

Misc.
 • Graduate Concert, dance department, Space/Place, 8 p.m., \$6

SATURDAY

Music
 • Cocoa and Carols, Old Gold Singers, Hancher, 2 p.m., \$8
 • The Beautiful Mistake, Name Taken, Liar's Academy, Anadivine, Still Pictured, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$8
 • Christmas With Musick's Feast, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester, 8 p.m., \$6
 • Jazz Repertory Ensemble, Clapp, 8 p.m., free
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 • *Cinderella*, Community Theatre, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 1 and 4 p.m., price TBA
 • *A Christmas Carol*, Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Englert Theatre, 2 and 8 p.m., \$25-\$30
 • "Hotline" and "Home Free," Theatre B, 8 p.m., \$4
 • *The Santaland Diaries*, Circle City Acting Company, Stephen Arnold Circle Studio Theater, 8 p.m., \$10

Misc.
 • Graduate Concert, dance department, Space/Place, 8 p.m., \$6
 • Artisan's Market, Old Brick, 26 E. Market, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Music
 • Philharmonia and All-University String Orchestra, Clapp, 3 p.m., free
 • Center for New Music, Clapp, 8 p.m., free
 • Jeff Morgan Band, Mill, 8 p.m., \$5

Theater
 • *Cinderella*, Community Theatre, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 2 p.m., price TBA
 • *The Santaland Diaries*, Circle City Acting Company, Stephen Arnold Circle Studio Theater, 2:30 p.m., \$10

Misc.
 • Public Tours, Museum of Art, 2 p.m., free

MONDAY

Music
 • Improvisation class concert, Voxman Music Building Harper Hall, 8 p.m., free
 • Open Mike with Jay Knight, Mill, 8 p.m., free
 • Monday Night Blues Jam, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert, 9:30 p.m., \$1

TUESDAY

Music
 • The Junior Varsity, Houston Calls, Five Star Sequel, the Rise and Fall, the Occasions, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$5
 • Improvisation class concert, Harper Hall, 8 p.m., free
 • Warsaw Poland Bros., Mill, 9 p.m., \$5
 • Funkin' Jazz Jam, Green Room, 9:30 p.m., \$1
 • Hip-Hop Night, Yacht Club, time and price TBA

Misc.
 • Salsa Break, Arts à La Carte, 20 E. Market, 8:30 p.m., price TBA

WEDNESDAY

Music
 • Burlington St. Bluegrass Band, Mill, 7 p.m., \$3
 • University and Concert Band, Clapp, 8 p.m., free
 • Folk Jam, Siren, 9 p.m., \$2
 • Spouse, Envy Corp., Kathryn Musilek, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5
 • Jam Band Jam, Yacht Club, time and price TBA
 • Willie Waldman Project, Craig Erickson, the Painter, Vinnie Amoco, Jim Laughlin, Green Room, time and price TBA

Bridget's back, granny panties & all

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason uses the same silly plot lines as the original. Unfortunately, we start to feel a bit of nostalgia for the real thing.



FILM REVIEW

by Laura Jensen

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
 When:
 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, and 9:45 p.m.
 Where:
 Coral Ridge 10
 ★★ out of ★★★★★

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason provides several genuine yuks, superb performances, and no more silly plot lines than the average romantic comedy. But after 2001's smart, witty original, the sequel is inevitably disappointing.

Bridget's (Renée Zellweger) story picks up just weeks from where we last left our ever-optimistic heroine. She's living in bliss with her handsome barrister boyfriend, Mark Darcy (Colin Firth), and still working as a clumsy pseudo-journalist at "Sit Up Britain," skydiving into pigpens rather than sliding down fire poles. Unfortunately, her happy ending is delayed when she and Mark clash in style, between bumbling, carefree goof and stiff, uptight snob, and Bridget is overcome with jealousy over Mark's latest gorgeous law partner.

After Bridget leaves him in a fit of rage, she is quickly overcome with regret and despair. But always looking on the bright side and up for anything, she takes a job as a sidekick for (who else?) Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant) on his new TV travel show "Smooth Guide." Their first stop is Taiwan, where Bridget manages to get herself in all kinds of trouble. Oh — and Daniel and Mark get into yet another belly-laugh-inducing cat fight.

With the entire cast back, everyone is in top form. Against

all odds, tiny Texan Zellweger seems born to play the role of the pudgy, neurotic Brit. She makes this silly and perplexingly cheery heroine endlessly endearing, even as the plot becomes increasingly unbelievable. Likewise, Firth nails his role as the remote, inaccessible lawyer who is also sweetly smitten with our favorite ex-singleton. Grant, one of film's most underrated actors, continues to prove why he is the best man in romantic comedies today, as he perfectly pulls off his role as a heartbreaking cad, somehow managing to earn our sympathy while behaving egregiously.

Sadly, Grant and the rest of the supporting cast are underutilized, as the story obsesses as relentlessly over the Darcy/Jones relationship as Bridget herself. Bridget's relationship woes were balanced in *Bridget Jones's Diary* with her parents' own marital upheaval and her career transitions. The previous film worked so well because everything felt real and familiar, as any Bridget-esque single girl will attest. She found herself in ridiculously embarrassing situations at work, with friends, with family, and, of course, in love. *The Edge of Reason* just feels ridiculous. Bridget arrested for drug smuggling in a "Thai" prison? Teaching them to sing "Like a Virgin"?

So much of what is funny earns laughs mostly by rehashing the original, and we expect more from writer Richard Curtis, who has penned some of the best romantic comedies recently, with such hits as *Notting Hill* and the original *Bridget Jones's Diary*. Grant and Firth fighting to "It's Raining Men" in the first film was hilarious, and watching grown men in suits and ties and suede jackets fighting like schoolgirls earns as many giggles this time around, but the battle seems to happen simply to milk leftover laughs from the first. Daniel again makes fun of Bridget's granny panties. The intrepid journalist again falls toward a camera butt-first screaming, and again the scene is replayed. Nothing and no one has changed.

The Edge of Reason can't live up to its predecessor, but Bridget is still



Bridget Jones and Mark Darcy rekindle their romance in *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason*.

charming and lovable. The audience still roots for her, and we get a few laughs. But we're left feeling a

bit nostalgic for the real thing. E-mail DI reporter Laura Jensen at: laura-jensen-1@uiowa.edu

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DAILY BREAK

calendar

- Dowling Catholic High School Choir, holiday concert followed by caroling, noon, UIHC Colleton Atrium.
- Graduate Student Workshop, "Regulation of Pyk2 Activation," Jason Bartos, 12:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen Science Building.
- Career Center Programs Fall 2004, "Finding a Major That Fits," 2:30 p.m., 317 Phillips Hall.
- Iowa-Illinois Industrial Hygiene Student Association Monthly Meeting, 3:10 p.m., Institute for Rural & Environmental Health.
- International Programs Stanley Fellowships/Scholarships, Informational Workshop,

3:15 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building.

- Mechanical Engineering Joint Graduate Seminar, "Elastography: A Solid Mechanics Application in Diagnosis of Tumors and Cardiovascular Disease," Yi Liu, 3:30 p.m., 2217 Seamans Center.
- "Oaxacan Wood Carvings in the Artworld: Aesthetic Judgments of a Tourist Craft," Michael Chibnik, 4 p.m., Museum of Art Lasansky Room.
- "Energy Efficient Buildings: The Key to our Climate Future," Gil Masters, Stanford University, 4:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium.

- Industrial Engineering Graduate Seminar, "What is Special about Spatial Datasets?," Shashi Shekhar, University of Minnesota, 4:30 p.m., 2139 Seamans Center.
- "Happy Birthday, Mr. Weber — a Tribute to Irving B. Weber, Iowa City's Official Historian," 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Room A, 123 S. Linn St.
- Korean Cinema Proseminar, *Samaria*, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building.
- "P & D," a Reality Show, President David Skorton and Dean Phillip Jones, 7 p.m., Main Library.

- Women's 3-Point Shootout, 7-8:30 p.m., Field House South Gym.
- Journeys in Faith Discussion Series, Father John Stecher and Kathleen Staley, 7:30 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson St.
- Dance Department Student Choreography Concert, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Max Allan Collins, fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUL.
- Men's 3-Point Shootout, 8:30-10 p.m., Field House South Gym.

quote of the day

“It's not aesthetically pleasing. There's an enormous amount of blood loss. But just because it's not pretty does not mean it's cruel.”

—Mike Thomas, a spokesman for Agriprocessors Inc., a kosher slaughterhouse in Postville, Iowa, that is the target of a PETA complaint.

horoscopes

Thursday, December 2, 2004
—by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A speculative financial venture will pay off. Deal with issues quickly before the festive season blocks you from getting things completed. A creative skill will be lucrative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let anyone put added pressure on you. You can only do so much, so don't feel guilty because someone wants more from you. Do what's best for you for a change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Plan the vacation you earned. Someone from your past will entice you once again. This time you are ready to take on anyone and everyone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Today is about trying to excel. You can make a career or financial move. A home-based business will work out well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Not everyone will catch on to what you are trying to do. The ones who do will be right by your side. Shared ideas will lead to a lucrative deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be thinking about your future and your plans for the upcoming year. Decide for yourself if you have fulfilled your goals. It's not too late to backtrack.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can have it all if you are strong and control what is going on around you. Believe in your abilities, and offer suggestions and help to others. You will get what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you let things develop naturally, you will stand a much better chance in the end. Your jealous nature may get the better of you, causing upset at home and with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Moving around is what it's all about today. The more versatile and candid you are, the better you will do. Purchases made today will ensure someone's happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be in too generous a mood. Think before you offer to pay for others. Don't back yourself into a corner by making impossible promises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are living in the fast lane, having a great time. The excitement that comes from following your dream can be exhilarating but dangerous as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep on top of work-related matters. If you are asked to do something, don't trust someone else to do it. You will only get out what you put in.

news you need to know

Today through Dec. 7 — Winter 2004-05 and Spring 2005 Early Registration
Today — Final exam reports due at Graduate College
Dec. 8 — Final thesis deposit due at Graduate College

happy birthday to ...

Dec. 2 — Adriane Downs, 19; Ashley McDonald, 19; Nina Chen, 20; Jayne Lady, 21; Sheryl Erenberg, 25

PATV schedule

7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 And Justice for All: Greetings from Out Here
Noon Ford Hall Forum "Election 2000"
1:30 p.m. On Main St.
2 Glory 2 Glory
2:30 Give Me An Answer
3 24-7

4 The Unity Center
5 Tabernacle Baptist Church
6 BUSTED: A Citizen's Guide to Surviving Police Encounters
6:45 The Cake Show
6:55 Duality
7 Grace Community Church
8 Revival in Oxford

UITV schedule

3 p.m. African Writers: Readings by Kofi Awoonor and Helon Habila
4 UI Lecture Committee Presents Mitch Albom
5 The Nazi Camps
6:30 Steve Alford News Conference
7 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House,"

Leisure Time
8 African Writers: Readings by Kofi Awoonor and Helon Habila
9 UI Lecture Committee Presents Mitch Albom
10 The Nazi Camps
11:30 Steve Alford News Conference

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the ledge

VETOED INTRAMURAL SPORTS
—by Josh Bald

- Extreme studying.
- Rat hunting in Spence Labs.
- Number Munchers.
- Backstroke relay in the Iowa River. In February.
- Getting your roommate's dog drunk.
- Bar crawl followed by triathlon.
- Trying to go to bed with the president of the University Virgins' Club.

• Steel-cage death matches for freshmen in the Quad basement.

• Texas Hold 'Em ... strip poker.

• Street Chicken — you know, like in *The Program* when those guys lie in the middle of the street and cars are swerving all over to avoid them, and it's crazy cool, and I'm going to try it on Burlington Street tomorrow at 5 p.m. Be there.

• Projectile-vomiting contest for the gals in Rienow.

• Sixteen teams simultaneously engaging in continuous paintball warfare in the Main Library during finals week.

Little University

1 What critters did Jerry O'Connell let romp around in his mouth for a scene in *Joe's Apartment*?

2 What PGA long-ball hitter began teeing off with a modified iron he dubbed "Zero"?

3 Who told his dog before telling Newt Gingrich that he was quitting the Senate to focus on his presidential race?

4 Who retired as a gymnastic coach in 1996 to coordinate the U.S. team-building efforts?

5 What 1996 event's organizers felt compelled to tab "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune" as its official game shows?

1. Locksmiths
2. John Daly
3. Bob Dole
4. Bela Karolyi
5. The Atlanta Olympics

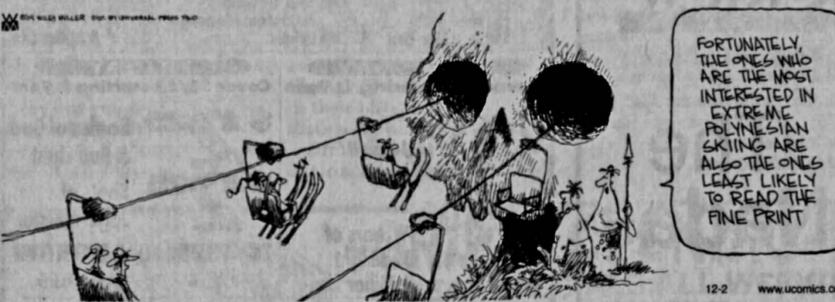
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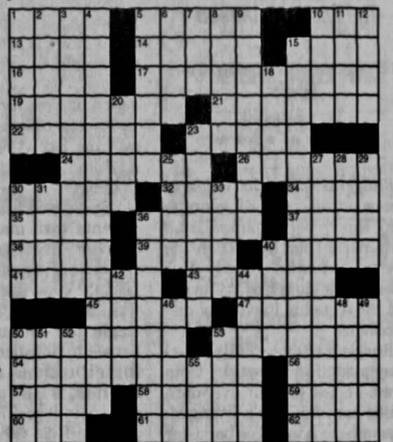
- ACROSS**
- 1 Locks
 - 5 Cut taker
 - 10 Knock off
 - 13 High in the Andes
 - 14 Book before Nahum
 - 15 Like some lips
 - 16 Sports Illustrated's 1998 co-Sportsman of the Year
 - 17 Case builder
 - 19 Sought transport digitally
 - 21 Red-faced
 - 22 Less taxing
 - 23 Deeply piled
 - 24 Take to one's heart
 - 26 Didn't just grumble
 - 30 Apples powder
 - 32 Singing brother's surname
 - 34 1951 Peter Ustinov role
 - 35 Olive genus
 - 36 Scottish Highlanders
 - 37 Not fooled by
 - 38 Drops in the air
 - 39 Bones, to an anatomist
 - 40 Cry from the bench
 - 41 An ecclesiastic
 - 43 Rap sheet data
 - 45 Earthen containers
 - 47 Whiz kid's musical key?
 - 50 Ranch alternative
 - 53 Land on the Gulf of Finland
 - 54 Chance to explain
 - 56 Longest-running member
 - 57 Brass figure?
 - 58 First name in jazz
 - 59 Rolled items
 - 60 Cheer starter
 - 61 Lodge resident
 - 62 Interior view

DOWN

- 1 Dispatch
- 2 shirt (colorful garment)
- 3 "Don't even bother trying"
- 4 With 23-Down, travelin' fathers?
- 5 Current amount
- 6 Encircle
- 7 Prefix with conscious
- 8 Kind of spray
- 9 1989 Tom Hanks film
- 10 Buzzi of "Laugh-In"
- 11 Penetrating reed
- 12 Polarizing figure?
- 15 With 23-Down, hurryin' fathers?
- 18 Julio's home
- 20 Flower sites
- 23 See 4- and 15-Down
- 25 Old Turkish titles
- 27 Listens

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SCALP AMIS ADAM
TALES PAST SAGO
ALLAH OSLO LRON
MICHAEL KEATON
EPA WALE SUPERB
NESS SODA FERTIA
RHETT FIAT SOT
VALKILWER
MIR TAIL ODELL
ADAPT AMER MEOW
NINE OF HOAX ORR
GEORGE CLOONEY
JEER YORE UTILE
ATRA ETON TONES
WEST ROSE SEET



Puzzle by Hervey Estes

- 28 Artist's name formed phonetically from his initials
- 29 It may get into a jamb
- 30 Archaeological site
- 31 Others, to Octavius
- 33 Lackluster
- 36 Succeeded in life
- 40 "The Bells" Mary's
- 42 Big corporation in copper alloys
- 44 Hunt time
- 46 Aimee of "La Dolce Vita"
- 48 Cowboy's rope
- 49 Garden bloom
- 50 March day
- 51 Picker-upper
- 52 They're pros
- 53 Northwest-most Pennsylvania county
- 55 Where: Lat.

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