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JURY: DEATH FOR PETERSON



Edie Alejandre, a carrier for the San Francisco Examiner, distributes copies of a special edition announcing the sentence in the Scott Peterson trial outside the San Mateo County Courthouse in Redwood City, Calif., on Monday.

Hundreds outside the courthouse cheer as they bear the verdict in the high-profile murder case

BY KIMBERLY EDDS AND AMY ARGETSINGER
WASHINGTON POST

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A jury recommended Monday that Scott Peterson be put to death for the murders of his pregnant wife and their unborn child, in the soap-opera case of adultery and deception that has captured the nation's attention.

As the verdict was announced, at least one juror broke into tears, as hundreds of onlookers gathered outside the courthouse cheered and exchanged high-fives. It was a scene similar to the one that played out Nov. 12, when Peterson was convicted of the first-degree murder of his wife, Laci Peterson, and the second-degree murder of their near-term son.

Peterson showed no emotion, staring straight ahead as the jurors filed out.

At a news conference later, three jurors said they were unnerved by the methodical nature of Peterson's crime and the cool stoicism he showed throughout the six-month trial.

"This wasn't an act [in which] he flipped out, and went, and did something," Greg Berattis said. "I could have understood that, but this was planned." San Mateo Superior Court Judge Alfred Delucchi can reject the jury's recommendation for death and sentence Peterson to life in prison instead. Delucchi will formally sentence him on Feb. 25.

The jury spent 2½ days deliberating over Peterson's fate, longer than it spent last month determining his guilt. In deciding whether he deserved execution, jurors had to grapple with the dueling portraits of the 32-year-old fertilizer salesman from Modesto, Calif., that also fueled much of the national fascination with the case.

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'Divorce was always an option — not murder!'
— Sharon Rocha, Lacie Peterson's mother, during her testimony, which brought several jurors to tears



Monica Davey, EPA, pool/Associated Press
Sharon Rocha (left), Brent Rocha, and his wife, Rose Marie Rocha, are seen during a news conference after the sentence for Scott Peterson was announced in Redwood City, Calif., on Monday.

Skorton tops area roster of most influential

BY DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN



UI President David Skorton was named the most-influential person in the corridor — an area including the land between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids — on Monday by the *Corridor Business Journal*.

The weekly publication collected nominations from its readers throughout the past weeks, and after tabulating the number of nominations received, crowned the second-year president in its Dec. 13 issue.

Publisher John Lohman said Skorton "came in well ahead of the field" in the inaugural list of 25, crediting the Northwestern University alum's victory to his strong advocacy for education, the arts, and humanities, in addition to the economic development of the area.

Skorton was unavailable for comment on Monday, but the university president said in a release that he was surprised by the results, calling the ranking a "terrific honor."

Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services, called Skorton's position atop the list an "accurate reflection of his participation in the economic development of the area."

During Skorton's tenure as vice president for Research, Jones said, he opened a number of avenues for research, an emphasis that has continued through his presidency.

The only other member of the UI community to make the list, Donna Katen-Bahensky, the director of the UI Hospitals and Clinics, came in 10th. She was one of five women to make the list.

"Whenever you do a list like this, women and young people are underrepresented," Lohman said, adding the publication will produce a list of influential women in March 2005.

One notable absence was that of UI Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby, who was recently named the 12th-most influential figure in collegiate sports by *Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal*. Lohman said the NCAA men's basketball selection committee chairman garnered some votes but failed to register enough to make his way into the top 25.

The final 25 were whittled down from an original nomination list of close to 200 people. The list includes 10 people from Johnson County, 14 from Linn County, and one from Muscatine County, and includes members from the insurance, media, and telecommunications sectors among others.

The *Corridor Business Journal* covers local business news in the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids area. The weekly newspaper produces a new list with every issue; Lohman said rankings of the area's most influential people will appear on an annual basis.

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COGS blasts UI over sick days

The graduate student organization charges the UI with denying sick days allowed in contracts

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Carrying signs reading "We Will Defend Our Contract," approximately 30 graduate assistants rallied outside Schaeffer Hall on Monday afternoon, vowing to stand up to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for allegedly breaking provisions of the graduate students' labor agreement with the state Board of Regents.

Members of the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students charged that the UI is denying graduate assistants sick days allowed in their contracts and said administrators are forcing graduate assistants to make up sick days to get paid. According to their contract, COGS members are allowed 13.5 sick days per academic year.

"Ultimately, we will take this to arbitration, and we will win," said Ryan Downing, a field organizer for COGS, the union that representing graduate assistants.

University officials confirmed that COGS members have recently filed several grievances over sick days, citing the dispute as a difference in the contract's interpretation.

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College as mise en scène

UI senior WILL LEHMAN hopes to put his double major in cinema/comparative literature and linguistics to use in NYC

BY HEATHER LOEB
THE DAILY IOWAN

A small trophy, fashioned out of a film can, stands as a symbol of senior Will Lehman's accomplishments during his years at the UI.

When the cinema/comparative literature and linguistics double major heads to New York City in January to sleep on a friend's couch and look for work in film and video production, he will leave behind a unique mark on a university he attended "kind of by accident."

His experimental film, *Alarm*, which he describes as a "dream sequence" taken from the writings of a schizophrenic friend, won the title of best student freestyle award at the Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival in 2002.

Since then, the 21-year-old has shown films in festivals everywhere from Cedar Rapids to Milan and has gathered accolades from professionals in the field.

After arriving in Iowa City four and a half years ago and dabbling in photography, the former Chicagoan found his niche in the world of cinema.

'I feel fortunate that I was able to get involved in the film program here and to meet so many interesting people while doing it.'

"Film seems like a level above [photography] because it involves time, movement, and sound," he said. "I guess it's sort of a culmination of several of my interests."

While Lehman has said his work is hard to describe — "experimental film is usually defined by what it isn't" — UI cinema Professor Leighton Pierce said Lehman's films go beyond the typical effects of the genre.

Experimental films use a variety of photographic and digital processes to produce random and abstract effects.

"What is striking about Will is that he has the discipline to push those effects further into films of emotional effect, rather than just sensorial effect," Pierce said.

Lehman's latest work, *Jones*, broke away from the experimental genre and

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ET CETERA TRIAL Deliberations to begin in lawsuit over bar stunt

BY ELAINE FABIAN AND SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

A Johnson County jury is set to start debating today who was at fault in an April 18, 2002, blaze that severely injured former UI student Deanne Busche.

After closing statements from J. Ric Gass, the attorney for Et Cetera and former bar manager Troy Kline, the jury will begin deliberations in Busche's personal-injury civil trial, in which she blames the 118 S. Dubuque St. establishment for burns and shoulder and nose injuries she sustained in a fireball that surged from a popular fire stunt at the bar.

Shortly before adjourning on Monday, the jury heard arguments from Busche's attorney, Mark McNabola, who detailed, among other things, how much money he suggests the jury should award his client.

McNabola said for compensation, which includes past and future pain and suffering expenses, he recommends \$1,836,494. As for punitive damages, designed to punish Kline and the bar, McNabola suggested the jury award approximately \$300,000.

"We're not thinking the lottery, and we're not thinking Las Vegas," McNabola said. "We're entitled to fair compensation."

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UI VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

'The bottom line is the vice president for Research is going to have to make it a higher priority to increase support for research.'

— Richard Hurtig

Award research funding case by case, VP candidate says

BY ALEX LANG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Stressing the need for a stronger presence in Washington, D.C., and the need to be fair, but not necessarily equal, the fourth candidate for the position of vice president for Research, Richard Hurtig, answered questions in front of dozens of faculty and staff Monday.



Hurtig
UI chairman of speech pathology and audiology

Hurtig, the chairman of the UI speech pathology and audiology department, said that not every area of research needs to receive the same amount of

funding or support; instead, support should be extended on a case-by-case basis, something he promises to do as vice president.

Researchers must be able to make a case for why they need money or help from the vice president and not expect hand-outs, he said.

"If I become vice president for Research, there will be some people who will not be happy [with my decisions]," Hurtig said, adding that he hopes there are more people happy with his decisions than not.

His first job in the office would be to conduct an audit to determine what areas need to be improved, he said. A few years ago, there was a review of the office, and Hurtig said he was discouraged by the number of faculty and staff members who

were unaware of the services that could be provided by the vice president of Research.

"We have to correct those 'don't knows' and perceptions," he said.

He was upset by the university's decision to stress undergraduate education over research, he said. He argued that the two should be intertwined in the classrooms and laboratories.

"The bottom line is the vice president for Research is going to have to make it a higher priority to increase support for research," Hurtig said.

Other short-term goals are supporting graduate-student research and making sure research facilities are adequate, he said. His long-term goals are to improve the relationship with

the UI Foundation to receive more private funding and to place a member of the Research Office on the Campus Planning Committee.

Institutional Review Board Director Martha Jones said Hurtig's 28 years of experience at the UI was demonstrated during the forum when he shared his knowledge of how the research at the university is handled.

"He was able to deal in-depth with the questions, which was helpful in his responses," she said.

The final candidate for vice president of Research, who oversees the UI's research, scholarly, and creative programs, will be announced on Wednesday.

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UI researcher defines new eating disorder

The new criteria include people who don't exactly fit the definitions of other eating disorders, such as anorexia and bulimia

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

A new eating disorder defined by a UI researcher is expanding the criteria to include patients who may not think they have a problem, counselors and researchers say.

Pamela Keel, a UI associate professor of psychology, is continuing research on purging disorder, a combination of anorexia nervosa, a condition in which a person eats very little, and bulimia nervosa, in which a person eats a large amount of food and then purges.

Purging disorder involves individuals of average weight eating very little and then vomiting. Currently, physicians and counselors diagnose disorders other than bulimia and anorexia as "eating disorder not otherwise specified."

Most experts agree that bulimia and anorexia represent the tip of the iceberg within the broader category of eating disorders, according to a report released by the psychology department.

PURGING STUDY

If you are a female between the ages of 18 and 45 who is not taking hormonal contraceptives and has never had an eating disorder, you may be eligible to participate in a study being conducted by the UI psychology department on eating behaviors.

If you are interested in participating in the confidential study for five weeks, please call 1-866-4-MY-BODY.

"I think it is helpful to name other eating disorders," said Joy Moel, a counselor at the Women's Resource and Action Center. "I have had people tell me that they don't have an eating disorder because they don't meet criteria for the specific eating disorders."

Moel is seeing a patient who has an eating disorder similar to the one Keel has defined. The patient thinks she binges once or twice a week, but Moel wouldn't call it bingeing because the patient eats normal amounts of food. She added that the patient purges after the "binges."

Moel has diagnosed the patient, along with several others, with "eating disorder not otherwise specified."

The kind of food people eat may affect whether or not they purge, Keel said. For example, if people eat healthy food, they may not vomit, while they might if they eat a cookie.

"They respond to what they are eating

rather than how much," Keel said.

Purging disorder is similar to bulimia and anorexia in the psychological patterns of those with the afflictions. Most patients with eating disorders are adolescent women concerned about their weight or appearance.

When the patient loses weight from the disorder, it reinforces the behavior, Moel said.

Eating disorders seem to be on the rise at the UI. Custodians discovered an unusually large amount of vomit in the Rienow Hall women's restrooms before Thanksgiving, causing some dorm officials to increase awareness about disorders and send out fliers to all of their residents, noting the problem and where to seek help. According to a Student Health Service survey conducted this year, 16 percent of UI students report forcing themselves to vomit or taking laxatives after eating.

Keel said she named the condition so she could do further research on it. She conducted a pilot study at Harvard University and began a second study, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, at Harvard before finishing it at the UI. The third study, which is also supported by the mental-health institute, is expected to conclude in March 2005.

Those interested in being a part of the study call the study's hotline and are then questioned. If they meet the criteria for the study, they will be interviewed twice over a five-week period on their psychological views of food.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Beau Brindley, 26, 101 Hawkridge Drive Apt. 1315, was charged Dec. 11 with disorderly conduct.

Nathan Clark, 18, 1534 Burge, was charged Dec. 11 with public intoxication.

John Connor, 21, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 302, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Ricardo Gallegos, 32, 2127 Kountry Lane Apt. 12, was charged Dec. 11 with operating while intoxicated.

Timothy Gleason, 19, 908 Rienow, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Amanda Goering, 22, 1409 E. Bloomington St., was charged Dec. 10 with third-degree theft.

John Holwell, 19, 522 S. Clinton St. Apt. 317, was charged Dec. 11 with public intoxication.

James Joslin, 58, Coralville, was charged Dec. 11 with public intoxication.

John Kane, 30, 434 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3C, was charged Dec. 9 with third-degree harassment.

William Ketsenburg, 38, 1205 Laura Drive Lot 151, was charged Sunday with driving with a revoked license.

Jordan Kluber, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Jose Lopez, 19, N102 Hillcrest, was charged Dec. 11 with PAULA and misuse of a driver's license to buy alcohol.

Steven Nach, 19, 210 S. Clinton St. Apt. 206, was charged Dec. 10 with PAULA.

Clint Neuendorf, 20, N201 Hillcrest, was charged Dec. 11 with PAULA and public intoxication.

Randall Neville, 28, Chicago, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Matthew Parizek, 30, 1211 Tracy Lane, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana, possession of a schedule II substance, and carrying a concealed and dangerous weapon.

Jacob Shier, 23, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

Richard Storm, 19, Schaumburg, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Kevin Wilson, 23, Coralville, was charged Dec. 11 with criminal trespassing.

STATE

Electors cast ballots for Bush

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa's seven electors formally cast their ballots for President Bush on Monday, putting the state in the Republican column for the first time in 20 years.

In a ceremony duplicated at Statehouses across the country,

Iowa's electors gathered briefly in a conference room to cast their ballots.

Bush laid claim to the state's electoral votes by winning the popular vote Nov. 2 by just over 10,000 votes out of more than 1.5 million that were cast.

The last time a Republican presidential candidate carried Iowa was 1984, when then-President Ronald Reagan won the state over Democrat Walter Mondale.

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BUSH CABINET

EPA chief to head Human Services

BY MARK SHERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Michael Leavitt, President Bush's choice to be secretary of Health and Human Services, may have to cut billions of dollars from the government's mammoth health programs for the elderly, poor, and disabled to pare the budget deficit.

The Medicare and Medicaid programs, consuming nearly \$500 billion a year and growing quickly, could be vulnerable in the context of last year's \$413 billion budget deficit, the ongoing war in Iraq, costly domestic-security commitments, and administration plans to change Social Security without raising taxes.

Bush selected Leavitt, the Environmental Protection Agency chief, on Monday, filling one of the last two openings in his second-term Cabinet. Bush praised Leavitt as a "fine executive" and "a man of great compassion ... an ideal choice to lead one of the largest departments of the United States government."

Leavitt, Utah's governor for 11 years before joining the administration in late 2003, would succeed Tommy Thompson if confirmed by the Senate.

Before becoming governor, he was chief operating officer of the Leavitt Group, a family insurance firm in which he maintains an investment worth between \$5 million and \$25 million, according to a financial disclosure report he filed in 2003.

The company owns 100 independent insurance agencies that sell supplemental Medicare policies, among other insurance products, according to company literature.

The Medigap policies account for less than 1 percent of company revenues, said Dane Leavitt, the president and CEO. He is Michael Leavitt's brother.

"I have never had a discussion with him on any of those topics, and I don't anticipate having one," Dane Leavitt said.

White House officials did not immediately comment on Leavitt's investments.

Meanwhile, John Walters, the national drug-policy director, will stay in his post, White House officials said.



Lawrence Jackson/Associated Press

President Bush watches Environmental Protection Agency head Michael Leavitt speak on Monday in the White House after he announced that Leavitt was his nominee for secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Bush still must name a new head of the Homeland Security Department to take the place of Bernard Kerik, who abruptly withdrew Dec. 10, citing immigration problems with a family housekeeper.

"He himself said he should have brought it to our attention sooner," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. "Commissioner Kerik pointed out that this was a mistake."

After failing to disclose the nanny problem during an initial screening, Kerik acknowledged it during a subsequent vetting phase as he filled out a clearance form, McClellan said.

Among the names mentioned as possible candidates for the post are Asa Hutchinson, the department's undersecretary for transportation and border security; Fran

Townsend, the White House homeland-security adviser; Joseph Hagin, the White House deputy chief of staff for operations; and Robert Bonner, the commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Potential successors to Leavitt at EPA include Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who was a leading candidate before Leavitt's appointment; Douglas Benevento, the executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; David Struhs, the head of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection under Gov. Jeb Bush and a brother-in-law to Bush's chief of staff, Andrew Card; and Barry McBee, the former chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

STATE

Vilsack announces 'Iowa's Promise' initiative

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Tom Vilsack on Monday accepted a \$20,000 check from America's Promise to strengthen Iowa's youth programs and pledged another \$80,000 in state funding toward the effort.

"We must make sure that every child has the best opportunity to succeed in life by making a commitment to their education, ensuring their health and well-being, and providing endless opportunities for their future endeavors," the governor said at a Statehouse news conference.

The pool of \$100,000 will draw another \$250,000 in federal matching funds for an initiative called "Iowa's Promise," which uses an AmeriCorps program to foster collaboration among local youth programs, he said. Its headquarters will be located at Iowa State University.

The check from the nonprofit America's Promise program was presented by former Sen. Harris Wofford, D-Pa., who declared Iowa a "State of Promise" and praised Vilsack's commitment to children's programs.

"At a time when budgets are tight and the need is so great, America's Promise is encouraged to know that kids are a priority throughout Iowa," Wofford said.

Vilsack, who celebrated his 54th birthday on Monday, said there's a personal side to his commitment. The governor is an orphan who has spoken often of being raised in a troubled adoptive family. Those thoughts return on his birthday, Vilsack said.

"I think about the circumstances of my birth," the governor said. "I think of all the people who were in an orphanage that no longer exists and people I never knew who took care of me. I never got a chance to thank them."

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Testimony begins in string of 2003 robberies

An Iowa City man faces three counts of felony robbery after two of his alleged victims identified him as the perpetrator

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City resident Ken Heck testified Monday that a local man struck him on the head with a wooden board and then "tangled" with him for his wallet during the first day of testimony in the trial of a man charged with a chain of robberies in 2003.

Vincent Allen, 38, faces three counts of felony robbery for allegedly holding up a local gas station, motel, and the man over the course of 11 days in May 2003.

One-and-a-half years after police charged Allen with the robberies, two of his reported robbery victims identified him as the perpetrator in Sixth District Court on Monday.

"Give me your money, or I will kill you," Heck said Allen told him at dawn on May 28, 2003. Heck said he was unloading his truck of donations for the Crowded Closet, a Gilbert Street charity, when Allen attacked him.

In Monday's opening arguments, Allen's attorney, Rockne

Cole, told the 12-person jury that Allen was innocent.

"We are not going to call any of the citizen victims in this case liars," Cole said. "There is a distinction between deliberately trying to lie and being mistaken."

He added that no forensic evidence links Allen to the crime.

But Heck testified that he recognized Allen's face. The two men wrestled face-to-face on the ground for three minutes, Heck said.

Heck is the only victim to get a

clear look at Allen's entire face.

Jherik Ford of Iowa City was working the graveyard shift at Gasby's East, 2303 Muscatine Ave., when Allen allegedly robbed the gas station using a 3-foot metal pipe on May 17, 2003. Ford testified that although a blue shirt covered most of the robber's face, he recognized Allen's mug shot when police showed it to him a month later.

"I told the officer I could ID him if I saw him," Ford said.

Like Heck, he described the thief as a middle-aged black man clad in shorts and a bluish-green shirt, although he only saw the upper half of his assailant's face.

Allen is also accused of a May 27, 2003, robbery of the Red Roof Inn, 104 200 Sixth St., Coralville, in which his face was covered. Testimony is scheduled to continue this morning at 9 a.m.

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NEWS

IRAQ

Bomber kills 13 near Green Zone

Insurgents continue to battle U.S. and Iraqi forces as the country prepares for next month's elections

BY PAUL GARWOOD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — An Al-Qaeda-linked suicide bomber blew up his vehicle Monday near cars waiting to enter the Green Zone, home to the U.S. Embassy and Iraq's interim government, killing 13 Iraqis on the anniversary of Saddam Hussein's capture.

As insurgents continued to step up attacks against U.S. and Iraqi forces ahead of next month's elections, the country's interim president said Washington was wrong for dismantling Iraq's security forces, including its 350,000-strong army, after last year's invasion.

"Definitely, dissolving the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Interior was a big mistake," Ghazi al-Yawer told BBC radio, saying it would have been more effective to screen out former regime loyalists than to rebuild from scratch.

He added: "As soon as we have efficient security forces that we can depend on, we can see the beginning of the withdrawal of forces from our friends and partners, and I think it doesn't take years, it will take months."

U.S. military commanders, however, say American forces will be in Iraq for several years and that troop numbers will rise from 138,000 to 150,000 before the Jan. 30 national elections, which many Iraqis fear could be targeted by militants opposed to the occupation and bent on derailing the political process.

American and Iraqi leaders had hoped the ouster of Saddam — who was captured one year



Sgt. John Queen, U.S. Army/Associated Press

ago Monday on a farm near his hometown of Tikrit — and the detention or death of most of his top aides would deal the insurgency a knockout blow.

But the uprising has escalated, and the number of attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces risen steadily. Approximately 550 U.S. soldiers died in the first year after the invasion was launched; almost 750 troops have died in the nine months that followed.

Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Al Qaeda in Iraq group claimed credit for Monday's deadly attack in central Baghdad, where a suicide car bomber detonated his explosives-packed car near a checkpoint leading into the heavily fortified Green Zone, killing 13 Iraqis and wounding 15. No U.S. troops were injured.

A U.S. soldier with the 1st Corps Support Command was

killed and another wounded Monday in a vehicle accident near a military base in Balad, 50 miles north of the capital. It was unclear what caused the accident.

Seven Marines died in action Sunday in the volatile Anbar province west of Baghdad, the deadliest day for the Marines since eight of their members were killed by a car bomb Oct. 30 outside Fallujah.

Steam billows up from a destroyed car as an Iraqi firefighter sprays water after a car bomb exploded near a Green Zone checkpoint in central Baghdad on Monday.

NATION & WORLD

Murders down 6% in first half of year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Murders in the United States dropped by nearly 6 percent in the first half of the year after rising for four-straight years, the FBI reported Monday. Almost all other crimes declined, too.

Overall, violent crime was down 2 percent in the first six months of the year compared with the same period of 2003, according to preliminary figures provided to the FBI by more than 10,700 state and local police agencies. Violent crime includes murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes — burglary, larceny, and motor-vehicle theft — also declined about 2 percent, and arsons fell by nearly 7 percent. The only crime that increased was rape, which was up 1.4 percent nationwide and 6.5 percent in cities with populations of 1 million or more.

Experts aren't sure why crime is falling. James Lynch, a professor at American University's Department of Justice, Law, and Society, said it could be because of increased focus on homeland security.

8 prisoners have died in U.S. custody in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military officials said Monday that eight prisoner deaths in Afghanistan have been investigated since mid-2002, a higher number than previously reported. Human Rights Watch said slow-paced investigations had "spawned a culture of impunity" that may have fueled prisoner abuse in Iraq.

"It's time for the United States to come clean about crimes committed by U.S. forces in Afghanistan," said Brad Adams, the group's Asia division director.

Failure to prosecute incidents in Afghanistan has allowed abusive interrogation techniques to spread to Iraq, Adams said. "The U.S. government is dragging its feet on these investigations," he said.

A Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. John Skinner, said commanders go to "enormous lengths to investigate any credible allegations of detainee abuse." Many death investigations have determined that detainees died

due to natural causes or because of injuries suffered before their capture, he said.

Israel to withdraw troops during Palestinian vote

HERZLIYA, Israel (AP) — Israel's Defense minister said Monday that Israeli troops will withdraw from Palestinian areas for 72 hours during next month's Palestinian presidential election, signaling that a deadly attack on an Israeli army outpost hasn't stopped fledgling peace efforts.

Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz also presented a sweeping case for coordinating Israel's planned pullout from the Gaza Strip next summer with the Palestinian leadership. He said broader withdrawals from Palestinian areas could be possible well ahead of the Gaza pullout, and a successful arrangement could form the basis of an interim peace deal.

Mofaz's comments at an academic conference in the seaside town of Herzliya represented a marked departure from Israel's initial insistence that the Gaza pullout be carried out unilaterally.

Ex-dictator Pinochet indicted

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A Chilean judge, known for pursuing human-rights violators, indicted former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Monday on charges of kidnapping nine political dissidents and killing one of them during his 17-year military regime.

Pinochet also was placed under house arrest to await this third attempt to try him for alleged abuses during his rule in the South American country.

But the aging general's defense team quickly filed an injunction with the Santiago Court of Appeals, effectively freezing the house arrest until the court rules on it, probably in the next day or two.

Judge Juan Guzman said he decided to try the 89-year-old retired general — reversing a previous court decision to exempt Pinochet from trial on health grounds — after questioning him and examining reports from court-appointed doctors.

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NEWS

Jury wants death for Peterson

PETERSON

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Peterson had dozens of friends to vouch for his charitable nature and no record of crime or violence before his wife was reported missing on Christmas Eve 2002. Yet courtroom testimony as reported in news accounts in recent days showed a man who misled his family about his whereabouts and who sneaked away from the search for his wife to place phone calls to an unwitting girlfriend.

Stanislaus County Deputy District Attorney Dave Harris called him "the worst kind of monster."

"Scott Peterson is the worst of the worst, because he's the kind of person ... you trust, who's manipulative," Harris said during closing arguments last week. "No one ever sees it coming."

Harris argued that Peterson purposefully deceived everyone in his life to escape a lackluster marriage and return to a carefree bachelor lifestyle. The prosecutor alluded graphically to the way investigators believe Peterson disposed of his wife's body—by wrapping her body with concrete weights and dumping her in San Francisco Bay.

"Laci was an anchor around his neck, so he put one around hers," Harris said.

Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, delivered testimony that brought at least eight jurors to tears. Sobbing, she turned to her son-in-law and screamed, "Divorce was always an option—not murder!"

But defense attorney Mark Geragos argued that sending Peterson to die would not bring the victims back to life.

"There does not need to be any more death in this case," Geragos told jurors.

Jurors were directed not to consider their sentence's emotional effect on Peterson's family. His mother, Jackie, looking frail and using an oxygen tank, had implored the jury to save her

son's life and her family from further heartbreak.

"He's an exceptional young man, and he's my son," she said. "I know he's not perfect ... but he is genuinely a loving, caring, nurturing, kind, gentle person."

After remaining sequestered through the weekend, jurors reconvened Monday morning and requested to see several pieces of evidence, including photos of the beach where Laci Peterson's badly decomposed body and that of her fetus washed ashore four months after her disappearance. Coroners were never able to determine how they died.

COGS protests UI's policy on sick days

COGS

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"The issue is if they are making up for sick time as part of their overall condition to meet the condition of their appointment," said Kevin Ward, the senior associate director of Human Resources.

The protest comes five weeks into a bargaining season between the union and the regents to renew the existing contract, which expires in July.

COGS officials said they cannot attribute the recent disagreement to the ongoing negotiations but contended that it might affect the cordial nature of the talks.

"We have to have faith that the [UI] intends to follow through on the things we bargain for, and this raises doubt in our minds," said COGS spokesman Chris Burgess.

COGS is asking for a full-tuition waiver and salary increase for the 2,600 assistants

it represents, but regents have refused the requests so far. The union contends that better benefits will attract stronger graduate students and lift the UI into a higher echelon of colleges.

UI President David Skorton agrees with COGS in theory. In November, he said the university will inevitably move toward full-tuition waivers for graduate assistants because many peer universities offer better tuition packages than does the UI. At present, the university provides a minimum tuition-aid package of 25 percent and also pays \$15,330 per academic year to assistants who work 20 hours a week.

The negotiations for a new contract must be settled by March; otherwise, an arbitrator will resolve the matter. The sick-day grievances can either be settled internally or through arbitration. State law prohibits graduate assistants from striking.

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Graduating senior to set off for NYC, seeking film career

LEHMAN

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instead documents the story of an Illinois man sentenced to 20 years in prison for possession of marijuana and cocaine. Lehman explored the intricacies of the case and focused on how the man's family lives without a father or husband.

"It was pretty nerve-racking at times," he said of the experience.

While his stint at the university has been centered on his love of film, he still found time to play keyboards in a now-defunct band and zoom around Iowa City on his 1970 Honda Scrambler 450 motorcycle.

He also knocked on doors and made phone calls for Dennis

Kucinich's campaign during the caucus season, and he even gave an impromptu speech in front of 300 people.

"I have always been averse to public speaking, and I was rather amazed that I didn't get sick afterward," he said.

Whether it's 3 a.m. scooter rides to West Liberty with friends or spending "hours and hours" editing his films, Lehman's memories of the UI will stick with him even when he's hundreds of miles away.

"I feel fortunate that I was able to get involved in the film program here and to meet so many interesting people while doing it," he said.

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Jury begins deliberating in Et Cetera fire suit

ET CETERA

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In earlier testimony, Deanine's father, Donald Busche, said that while the family is insured, the Busches must still pay about \$75,000 of the more than \$100,000 in medical bills.

Busche did nothing wrong by sitting at the bar, McNabola said in closing arguments—and even "a third-grader" would know that setting pure grain alcohol afire in a crowded bar is not right.

"It's been deny, deny, deny. The defendants don't want to take responsibility," he said. "Of all the spin, no one has said [the fire] was reasonable, and no one has said it was OK."

Instead, the bar and Kline have accused Busche of spitting into the flames and causing her own injuries, McNabola said.

Busche's parents also testified Monday that their daughter still cannot lead a normal life, even after two years and the best medical care possible.

"She is severely limited," Donald Busche said. "She used to help prepare holiday meals, but

now she won't go in the kitchen on Thanksgiving."

The Busches said they were awakened by a phone call at a Galena, Ill., inn shortly after the incident. They left immediately for Iowa and discovered their daughter "shaking, crying, and scared" at UI Hospitals and Clinics. They only recognized her eyes, which were "like slits."

Vikki Busche, who took care of their daughter afterward, said one of the worst times for Deanine Busche was cleaning and redressing her wounds once or twice a day. "She would scream when they sprayed her with the hoses and beg them to stop," she said.

Vikki Busche also talked about her daughter's hallucinations in the hospital, such as when Deanine Busche thought nurses dropped her out the window. Another time, she thought Vikki Busche was dancing with a custodian.

This is the only remaining civil suit of four stemming from the April 2002 blaze; the other three were settled out of court.

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Nanny problems bring down Homeland Security nominee

Problems with Kerik's candidacy should have been revealed from beginning

Many people hire nannies to help around the house; yet, along with a sparkling abode and well-tended children, what some employers receive is a case of political suicide. The latest nanny-induced complication involves former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, whose recent nomination will not proceed due in large part to his failure to mention personal conflicts in a timely manner.

President Bush nominated him on Dec. 3 to replace Tom Ridge as the next secretary of Homeland Security, but Kerik withdrew his nomination just one week later, citing "matters personal to me" in his letter of resignation to the president. These matters turned out to be immigration problems with his former nanny and housekeeper, including his failure to file appropriate taxes. Additionally, his questionable connections to Taser International Inc. came out — Kerik collected \$6 million in stocks as a board member of the stun-gun supplier — as well as his position as senior vice president of Giuliani Partners, the consulting firm founded by his good friend and supporter, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Kerik claims he had intended to resign from his positions with Taser International and Giuliani Partners, because they were clearly conflicts of interest; it was the nanny issue that sealed his decision to withdraw. Like so much in politics, the situation is laughably ironic: The man nominated to head the department that oversees border security and immigration wasn't paying

taxes on his nanny because of the nanny's dubious immigration status.

While Kerik is the first Homeland Security nominee to withdraw because of nanny problems — just give it time; the department is still brand-new — he follows a line of public officials who faced the same problem. Former President Clinton successfully chose not one but two nominees for the position of attorney general who withdrew because of hiring undocumented workers; first was Zoë Baird, followed by Kimba Wood. And President Bush's first nominee for Labor secretary, Linda Chavez, withdrew after revealing that an illegal immigrant lived in her home. It seems to be a trend.

Kerik contends that the problem didn't come to light until he was filing documentation in preparation for his Senate confirmation, at which time he learned that "required tax payments and related filings had not been made."

While it's commendable that Kerik voluntarily withdrew his resignation after recognizing problems with his candidacy, it raises the question of why he waited a week before admitting (or learning, as he claims) that his nanny's immigration status was uncertain. Most of the fault in this situation lies with Kerik's failure to bring these issues to light from the very beginning. Nevertheless, we would also place the Bush administration under scrutiny for not uncovering these problems on its own in the midst of hurriedly trying to find Ridge's successor. The short legacy of Kerik's tenure — nomination, rather — serves as a warning to those hoping to work their way into the presidential Cabinet: Don't let nanny problems bring you down.



Kerik
withdrew as Homeland Security nominee after questions arose about the immigration status of his nanny

Thinning Social Security

From the Department of Only You Nervous Nellies Think the U.S. Military is Stretched Too Thin come this heart-warming (just in time for the holidays) news item from Gannett, headlined: "Retired Army colonel, 70, sent to Afghanistan."

No, really. John Caulfield of Satellite Beach, Fla., quite understandably believed it was some kind of joke or mistake when the Army asked him to return to active duty. After all, he had left the Army in 1980. For that matter, he had retired from his medical practice two years ago.

"My first reaction was disbelief," he said. "It never occurred to me that they would call a 70-year-old."

To his credit, Caulfield had no "qualms," as the Gannett writer put it, about serving. You got the idea that he thought he'd serve on the East Coast or in Europe to free up another surgeon, but no — the Army packed him off to Bagram, Afghanistan.

The Bushies can jabber on all they want about the military not being spread too thin and to say the contrary is to be anti-American and to aid the enemy (What? That makes us critics pro-French? Well, I do wander around muttering "Merci bien, Lafayette" all the time.), but when you're pressing 70-year-old grandfathers into service, something's thin somewhere.

Bushies wouldn't agree. Of course, you get the feeling that the administration folk would say, with straight faces: Just because there's an absence of light doesn't mean it's dark.

On the bright side, you of college age probably don't need to get those Nervous Nellie knees about the re-institution of the draft anytime soon. Apparently, they're going to thin the ranks of Social Security recipients first.

Well, that goes hand-in-glove with the Bush administration's plan to dismantle Social Security.

Ah, Social Security. Yeah, I know — those two words can make the eyes glaze over like doughnuts faster than any other two words in the language, with the possible exception of "Biostatistics final."

But there's a major political fight brewing because Bush plans to make privatizing Social Security the centerpiece of his domestic agenda.

And as Paul Krugman of the *New York Times* pointed out on Dec. 7, the Bushies are using the same smoke and mirrors to push privatization as they used to sell the war on Iraq. Remember Condi Rice and the smoking gun that turns out to be a mushroom cloud?

Ahh, the good old days. Well, its domestic equivalent is coming. Privatizing Social Security, as Krugman notes, will not aid the program's finances; it will probably make them worse. But, as Krugman writes: "... the politics of privatization depend crucially on convincing the public that the system is in imminent danger of collapse, that we must destroy Social Security in order to save it."

But Social Security isn't in danger of imminent collapse, no more than Saddam was an imminent threat to the United States. Twenty years ago, the Reagan administration pushed through an increase in the payroll tax that funds the program in order to build up a trust fund to cover the baby-boomer crunch, which is due to hit around 2011-2014, depending on whether the first boomers retire at 65 or 68.

Because of the trust fund, the program is fine now — it takes in more than it pays out. And according to the Congressional Budget Office, it will continue to be fine until 2052, when the trust fund will run out. At that point, Krugman notes, the system won't be "bankrupt"; the program's revenue's will still cover 81 percent of the benefits. Additional revenues of less than 3 percent of federal spending — less than what we're paying in Iraq right now, Krugman points out — would keep the program healthy into the next century.

So what's the big hullabaloo about Social Security if it's not going broke? you ask. Conservatives hate it. Why? A) it's a big-government liberal program that works, and B) it's very popular with the American people. The program runs counter to all their cherished beliefs. It's the 800-pound gorilla that sits in the room and grins at them, an example of liberalism working quite well, thank-you.

So of course they hate it. So of course it must go. Their actions don't have to make sense; they construct their own reality.

By the year 2052, you'll note, the youngest of the few baby boomers still around will be 90. Most current college-age people will be right around 70. The perfect age to be pressed into military service. ■



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GUEST OPINION

Thanks, community, from psych department

One month ago, our buildings, labs, and livelihoods were attacked by a terrorist group. Our lives as scholars were disrupted, our mentors and friends were threatened, and valuable data were lost. During this difficult time, the university community rallied around us. You have supported our personal efforts in research, recognized the value of scientific exploration, and condemned the criminal actions of those acting on behalf of the Animal Liberation Front. For this support, we extend our most sincere and deepest thanks.

In the wake of this terrible attack, we have found several sources of comfort. First, we know that terrorism is ultimately unsuccessful. While the Animal Liberation Front may have slowed our research in the short-term, we know our long-term commitment to science and the search for knowledge has not been affected. We will not be bullied into leaving our fields of research. Second, we know that science has always survived attempts to stifle progress. The many instances of this include Galileo and continue through the present day. Achievements in science will not be held back by those who fight progress.

Animal researchers are not monsters. The front has attempted to portray animal researchers as malevolent, sub-human individuals whose sole purpose is to needlessly torture other living creatures. This characterization is unequivocally false and personally offensive. In truth, we are all deeply concerned with the welfare of research animals. We work with these animals on a daily basis, and it would be foolish for us to inflict needless pain upon any of them. Furthermore, our goal is to obtain valid behavioral and biological

data from these animals, and our science — our data — would suffer significantly if our animals were mistreated or in pain. Finally, we all willingly abide by federal and university regulations that protect the welfare of research animals. We all recognize the importance of life; this is a primary reason that each of us has chosen to study it.

As scientists, we have unfortunately been remiss in communicating the purpose and results of our research with the general public. Let us take a step to rectify this now. Our work involves basic research on fundamental phenomena of the brain and body. This research has provided important insights on how the nervous system functions, specifically concerning areas of learning and memory, thirst, depression, sleep, epilepsy, and movement. These lines of research have the potential to alleviate vast amounts of suffering in both human and non-human animals.

Again, thank you for your continued support as we regain our momentum in conducting our research. Our recovery will be quick. The foes of science may choose to attack our labs and our lives once again, but our unwavering belief in the necessity of our work, coupled with the strong support of the community, will ultimately conquer any future criminal attempt to stop our research. So, rest assured, we will press on.

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GUEST OPINION

Animal research not needed for knowledge

The UI has labeled Animal Liberation Front actions as an "attack on scholarship and reason." I disagree. The true assault on scholarship and reason is proponents of animal research constantly claiming advancements in human medicine because of the animal model. The true assault is on the 54 dogs, 142 cats, 450 rabbits, and thousands of other animals consumed by the university in 2002 by this outdated methodology (source: www.all-creatures.org).

The animal model is no longer necessary for the advancement of human medical knowledge. Animal experimentation misleads research, endangers human health, and wastes billions of dollars. In fact, an article published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in April 1998 reported that a study had concluded that adverse reactions to medications are the fourth-leading killer of Americans. Each year, approximately 100,000 deaths and 15 percent of all hospital admissions are caused by adverse medication reactions, costing the American public over \$136 billion annually.

The pseudoscience begins with animal models for human disease; cancer is but one example. It takes years for a human to develop cancer. Animal researchers do not have years for their subjects to become cancer-stricken, so they hasten the process. Fast-forwarding disease onset fundamentally changes the etiology of the disease, rendering the predictive value of the research doubtful. In fact, no present-day chemotherapeutic option was dependent on animal studies. Dr. Irwin Bross of the Roswell Park Memorial Institute for Cancer Research, testifying before Congress, stated, "Indeed, while conflicting animal results have often delayed and hampered advances in the war on cancer, they have never produced a single substantive advance in either the prevention or treatment of human cancer." The executive director for cancer research at Merck Laboratories opines, "The fundamental problem in drug discovery for cancer is that the animal model systems are not predictive at all." Dr. Andy Maniotis, formerly of the UI, using human-based experiments to show that human cancers grow their own blood vessels, commented, "People are very complacent with their animal models, which raises the question of whether there exists a good animal model of cancer."

The reality is that animals are not furry versions of us. Consider the rat. Rats have no gall bladder. They excrete bile very efficiently, and many drugs are shuttled out of the body in the bile, so this significantly affects the half-life of the drug. Rats always breathe through their nose, so this can greatly influence how a drug is absorbed. They are nocturnal. Their gut flora is in a different location. And their skin has vastly different absorptive properties than a human. These are gross anatomical differences that significantly affect drug metabolism. Delving deeper into the genetics and developmental regulation that makes a rat a rat only increases the disparity between them and us.

Other animals are equally divergent. Primates do not form atherosclerotic plaques as humans do, nor do they develop AIDS. Cats cannot metabolize ibuprofen. Benzene is carcinogenic to humans, but not to mice.

With all these differences, why does the animal model persist? Tax dollars and pharmaceutical liability. The National Institutes of Health, the single greatest source of federal funding for disease research, allocates greater than 50 percent of its research budget to animal research. Manufacturers of isolation cages, surgical equipment, stereotactic devices, animal food, and other equipment all have a heavily vested interest in keeping the animal model running at full speed. Additionally, the animal model protects pharmaceutical giants from product-liability lawsuits. When more than half of approved drugs are withdrawn or relabeled because of unexpected side effects in humans, the parent manufacturers claim due diligence by waving hundreds of pages of carefully executed animal studies that did not predict such effects. Federal law requires these tests, but they are no longer necessary.

Abolishing the animal model will not halt medical advancements, it will augment them. Using alternatives such as in-vitro testing, epidemiological approaches, human-cell culture, and stem-cell technologies will be genuinely predictive of the human condition, more efficient, and truly scientific.

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CORRECTION

In the Dec. 13 edition, *The Daily Iowan* erroneously had columnist Anthony Harris refer to President Bush as "G'dud." It should have read "G-dub." The *DI* regrets the error.

ON THE SPOT

What has been the biggest news story of 2004?



"I would say the election, but second was Tyrone Willingham getting fired from Notre Dame."

Jillian Jesk
UI junior



"I would say Ken Jennings winning so many times on 'Jeopardy.'"

Erin Crowley
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"It's gotta be the election, I imagine."

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"The war in Iraq."

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5 tremors of greatness in music

While there was no shortage of great, inventive music released this year, 2004 will be remembered more for the tremors

TOP 5 ALBUM RELEASES OF 2004

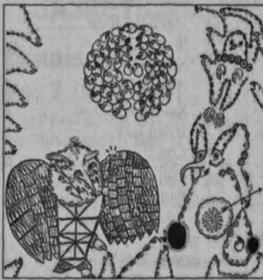
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1. ANIMAL COLLECTIVE SUNG TONGS (FAT CAT)



The wildly imaginative *Sung Tongs* from the Brooklyn-based Animal Collective was the best of 2004's pop music. Where the group's previous releases were more experimental improvisations in sound, this album showed the group at its most focused and creative — full of short, delightful pop songs rooted in Brian Wilson-era Beach Boys but flowering into something all their own. The short bursts of melodic genius never grow old, and they form an album that is timeless and an inspiration to all listeners who tap into the Collective's fountain of creativity.

2. DEVENDRA BANHART REJOICING IN THE HANDS (YOUNG GOD)



The figurehead of the new folk movement at age 22, Banhart released two albums this year, but his first is the keeper. The simple and tasteful production by Michael Gira makes Banhart's unique falsetto and finger-picking the star, as they should be. This is real folk music, fusing the relaxed, sparse guitar style of Elizabeth Cotten and the magical voice of early Tyrannosaurus Rex, but Banhart makes it his own. It would be easy to listen to *Rejoicing* all day on repeat, as I did for much of this year — the simple elegance of Banhart's music never grows old.

3. ESPERS — ESPERS (LOCUST)

Somewhere between the lush drone of Windy & Carl and the folk leanings of such '60s acts as Incredible String Band (which toured with the group this year), Fairport Convention, and Comus lies this Philadelphia six-piece. More easily classified as "acid-folk," the album warms the heart and soul — a perfect winter record. Delicately plucked steel guitars, haunting strings, sweet and swirling flutes, and acid-soaked harmonium and autoharp fill the album's drug-laden, fuzzed-out folk. Perhaps the most sweet nightcap ever put to tape.

4. JOANNA NEWSOM — THE MILK-EYED MENDER (DRAG CITY)

Newsom's childlike voice gets a lot of comparisons with Björk's, and they're not without merit, but this delightful sprite definitely differs in her musical leanings. She plays the harp (which dwarfs the small singer) and sings with a voice so piercingly loud that it demands attention, love it or hate it. With simple, perfect folk songs that tell fantastic fairy tales, *The Milk-Eyed Mender* is one of the year's unexpected treasures.

5. BORIS — FEEDBACKER (INOXIA)

A 50-minute song split into five movements, this is Japanese heavy music at its very best. The first half is similar to Eddie Hazel's Funkadelic psych-guitar masterpiece "Maggot Brain" stretched into infinity — before the whole record is dunked in cough syrup and turns into a tug-of-war between doom metal and gorgeous, trippy, shimmering psychedelia fronted by a female Hendrix. Truly amazing.

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Strong year for indie & art house

This year emerged as one of the finest for movies in a great while. The Bijou, Iowa City's primary source for art-house, foreign, independent, and classic films, brought us more than half a dozen of the season's most interesting offerings. Seeing as this was one of its strongest lineups in recent memory, here's a brief retrospective of its top-five best new releases of the semester.

TOP 5 BIJOU FILMS OF 2004

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1. MARIA FULL OF GRACE ★★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Films don't often make me cry anymore, but this deceptively simple, profoundly moving drama came as close as any movie these days. Catalina Sandino Moreno gives one of the year's most unforgettable performances as Maria, a teenage girl from Colombia with little hope or financial prospects. When she decides to become a "drug mule" for a local cocaine outfit, she travels to the United States with 30-some dope-filled pellets in her stomach.



NO. 1 MARIA FULL OF GRACE
RELEASED JULY 16

2. BEFORE SUNSET ★★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Richard Linklater's achingly beautiful sequel to *Before Sunrise*, his Gen X comedy/drama from 1995, reunites Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Céline (Julie Delpy) nine years after their magical encounter in Vienna. This time, they run into each other in Paris while Jesse is promoting his latest book. The rest of the afternoon is spent walking and talking all over again, and the result is a small masterpiece of dialogue and characterization.



NO. 2 BEFORE SUNSET
RELEASED JULY 2

3. THE TWILIGHT SAMURAI ★★★½ out of ★★★★★

Fans of Akira Kurosawa's classic samurai movies from the '50s and '60s won't want to miss this hauntingly poetic meditation on the genre. Set during the last period of feudal Japan, Hiroyuki Sanada plays an aging, weary samurai who begins to realize that he is a man out of his time. Winner of 12 out of 14 Japanese Oscars.

4. BAADASSSSSS ★★★½ out of ★★★★★

The making of *Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song* (1971), Melvin Van Peebles' landmark blaxploitation feature, is the subject of *Baadasssss!* — a pseudo-documentary homage by son Mario Van Peebles. Full of heart, humor, and genuine passion, this is a fascinating and rollickingly entertaining movie about movies.



5. SUPER SIZE ME ★★★½ out of ★★★★★

You'll never look at a Big Mac the same way after watching Morgan Spurlock's biting hilarious documentary about America's contemporary fast-food culture. Spurlock's near-fatal stunt entails a trip around the country to eat three square meals at McDonald's every day for a month straight. He must try everything on the menu at least once, and, when asked if he wants the meal "super sized," he has to accept.

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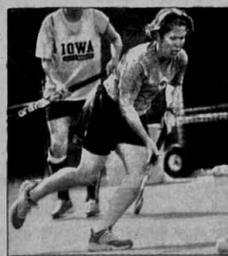
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Iowa field hockey reaps awards

Iowa field-hockey head coach Tracey Griesbaum has been named Division I-A Coach of the Year by WomensFieldHockey.com. Griesbaum, who just completed her fifth year as head coach, also was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year. She led the Hawkeyes to their first Big Ten championship and first NCAA Tournament bid since 1999.

Three players were also honored by the website. Senior Sarah Dawson earned first-team All-American honors for the second time this year. Goaltender Barb Weinberg was named a second-team All-American, and freshman Caroline Blaum was honored as a part of the all-freshman team.

— by Justin Skelnik

BASKETBALL

Illinois stays No. 1 in AP poll

(AP) — Illinois was No. 1 in the Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday for a second-straight week, the school's longest run ever at the top of the rankings.

The Illini (9-0) moved into the top spot for the third time in school history last week. The other two times — 1952 and 1989 — they were there for all of a week, although they reached the Final Four both of those years.

This Illinois team had easy wins over Chicago State, Georgetown, and Oregon last week and stayed No. 1 with 35 first-place votes and 1,748 points from the national media panel.

Kansas (6-0), which beat Texas Christian and Louisiana-Lafayette last week, stayed second with 22 No. 1 votes and 1,709 points.

BASEBALL

Martinez picks Mets over Red Sox

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Pedro Martinez closed in on a four-year deal with the New York Mets, and the Boston Red Sox resigned themselves Monday to losing the three-time Cy Young Award winner.

"He was a great member of the Red Sox team for seven years, and a certain Hall of Famer," Red Sox President Larry Lucchino told the Associated Press in an e-mail. "He will be missed, and we are disappointed to have lost him to the Mets and the National League."

Martinez's agent, Fernando Cuza, told the Mets he would attempt to work out a deal with them after New York guaranteed a fourth year, a person involved in the talks said on the condition of anonymity.

Mets general manager Omar Minaya expressed confidence about the negotiations with Martinez but wouldn't detail the discussions.

"The good news is that we're still in dialogue," Minaya said. "Every day that goes by and we are having dialogue is a good day."

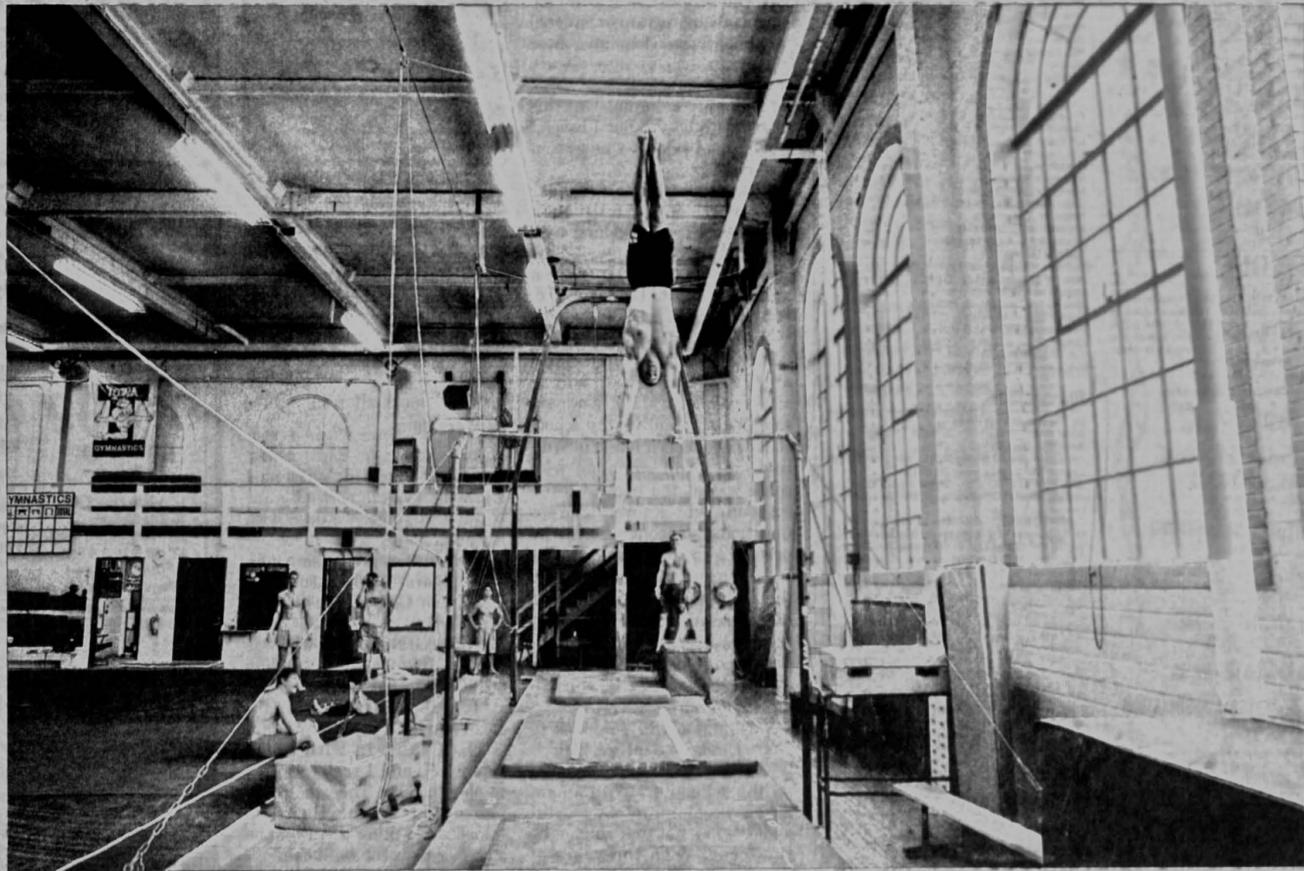
TRIVIA

Do you know the answer?

Q: What year was the dunk declared illegal in college basketball?

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THE IOWA GYMNASTICS TEAMS ARE BOTH RANKED IN THE TOP 20 NATIONALLY, BUT THE GYMNASTICS FACILITIES HAVE SEEN BETTER DAYS



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

A MATTER OF SMALL PROPORTIONS

Small, outdated facilities have become more of a hindrance than a help for the men's and women's gymnastics teams. Can the Iowa teams continue to recruit quality gymnasts if their facilities have SO LITTLE TO OFFER?

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BY KRISTI POOLER

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa men's and women's gymnastics teams possess talent that puts them near the top of their sports, but the quality of the facilities does not reflect the quality of their programs.

Both teams are ranked in the top 20 nationally in preseason coaches' polls; the men are ranked eighth, and the women are 17th. Yet, both teams practice in facilities that existed long before the athletes were born.

Tom Dunn has been the men's coach for 25 years, all of which have been spent in the Field House gym facilities. Unfortunately, he will be stuck in Field House — no plan has emerged for a new facility for the teams.

"My coach at [at Penn State] graduated from Iowa in 1937, and he trained in the same gym," Dunn said. "It's been since the '30s that we have been in the same gym."

The space is smaller than most high-school gyms; the bleachers barely hold enough seating for meet attendance, forcing spectators to spill onto the floor. The athletes don't even have their own locker rooms. Instead, the members of both teams are forced to leave the facility and use a public locker room.

"We're a top-20 program in the country, and we need a better facility," said women's head coach Larissa Libby. "It would help us out tremendously if we could have a new facility or get the space that we need to train a top-20 Division I team."

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Iowa men's gymnast Tom Buese practices a high-bar routine in the Field House North Gym on Monday afternoon.



JUSTIN SKELNIK

NOT EXACTLY BOWLED OVER

Ahh, remember the college-bowl season before the BCS?

I certainly do, and I wish I could hop into Doc Brown's Delorian from the *Back to the Future* movies so I can go back in time to enjoy the season the way it was meant to be enjoyed.

I always looked forward to Jan. 1. Eight great college-football games and 16 elite teams would do battle on the first of the year, and by the end of the day, two things were usually certain. First, the national champion was usually crowned, and second, the college football season was officially over. Now that we are in the BCS era, neither of those things has or will happen until we are rid of the BCS.

In the 1997-98 college-bowl season, there were 20 bowl games, eight of which were

SEE BOWL GAMES, PAGE 3B

Leinart and 3 USC teammates head up AP's All-America team

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart and three of his Southern Cal teammates made the Associated Press All-America team announced Monday.

Tailback Reggie Bush, defensive lineman Shaun Cody, and linebacker Matt Grootegeod joined their quarterback on the first team. Bush, a Heisman finalist, was picked as the all-purpose player.

Leinart has passed for 2,990 yards and 28 touchdowns this season, leading the top-ranked Trojans (12-0) to a perfect regular season and becoming USC's sixth Heisman winner.

Oklahoma tailback Adrian Peterson, the Heisman runner-up who has run for 1,843 yards and 15 TDs, is the first freshman AP All-American since North Carolina cornerback Dre' Bly in 1996. Peterson was joined on the first team by Sooners tackle Jammal Brown. They'll line up against Leinart and USC in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4.

Oklahoma quarterback Jason White, a first-team All-American and the Heisman winner last season, was a third-team selection Monday. Utah quarterback Alex Smith was the second-team QB.

USC also had a third-teamer in defensive tackle Mike Patterson for a total of five players on the three AP All-America teams, tying Oklahoma for the most. The second-ranked Sooners (12-0) also put wide receiver Mark Clayton on the second team and defensive end Dan Cody on the third team.

SEE ALL-AMERICANS, PAGE 3B

IOWAN & ALL-AMERICAN

Two Iowa football players were named to All-American teams on Monday

JONATHAN BABINEAUX
Third Team
Year: Senior
Position: Defensive lineman



MATT ROTH
Second Team
Year: Senior
Position: Defensive lineman



SPORTS

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

TRIVIA ANSWER

The dunk was outlawed in 1967 (the Alcindor Rule); it returned 1975.

MEN'S TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Illinois (35)	9-0	1,748	1
2	Kansas (22)	6-0	1,709	2
3	Georgia Tech (12)	6-0	1,664	3
4	Oklahoma St. (37)	7-0	1,607	5
5	North Carolina	7-1	1,426	8
6	Wake Forest	6-1	1,397	6
7	Duke	6-0	1,360	9
8	Syracuse	6-1	1,339	4
9	Kentucky	6-1	1,152	10
10	Pittsburgh	7-0	1,102	11
11	Connecticut	4-1	1,016	7
12	N.C. State	7-0	1,007	12
13	Louisville	5-1	835	13
14	Texas	6-1	784	14
15	Arizona	6-2	688	15
16	Iowa	8-1	630	17
17	Alabama	8-1	576	18
18	Washington	7-1	543	16
19	George Washington	6-1	494	21
20	Mississippi St.	7-2	424	22
21	Michigan St.	5-2	370	20
22	Gonzaga	7-1	333	25
23	Maryland	5-2	317	23
24	Virginia	7-1	222	19
25	Cincinnati	6-0	215	—

THE WOMEN'S TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	LSU (45)	8-0	1,125	1
2	Stanford	7-0	1,055	2
3	Duke	8-1	985	3
4	Texas	4-2	928	4
5	North Carolina	8-1	908	5
6	Baylor	7-1	906	6
7	Notre Dame	6-1	875	7
8	Connecticut	4-1	859	8
9	Tennessee	5-2	791	9
10	Ohio St.	8-1	753	10
11	Michigan St.	8-1	677	12
12	Texas Tech	5-1	645	13
13	Minnesota	8-1	508	16
14	Boston College	7-1	450	17
15	Georgia	7-3	445	11
16	UCLA	6-1	416	18
17	Vanderbilt	7-1	385	14
18	Maryland	7-1	329	15
19	Houston	6-0	303	22
20	Purdue	6-2	292	21
21	DePaul	6-2	260	15
22	Rutgers	5-1	220	20
23	Arizona St.	7-1	124	24
24	Iowa	6-0	109	—
25	Kansas St.	5-2	74	25

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	10	.500	—
Boston	8	11	.421	1 1/2
Philadelphia	8	12	.400	2
New Jersey	7	13	.350	3
Toronto	7	16	.304	4 1/2
SOUTHWEST				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	7	.588	—

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	7	.632	2
Orlando	13	8	.619	2 1/2
Charlotte	4	14	.222	9 1/2
Atlanta	4	16	.200	10 1/2
CENTRAL				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	8	.619	—
Detroit	10	10	.500	2 1/2
Indiana	10	10	.500	2 1/2
Milwaukee	6	12	.333	5 1/2
Chicago	4	15	.211	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	17	5	.773	—
San Antonio	15	8	.652	2 1/2
Dallas	15	8	.652	2 1/2
Houston	9	12	.429	7 1/2
Memphis	9	14	.391	8 1/2
New Orleans	1	18	.053	14 1/2
NORTHWEST				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	17	4	.810	—
Minnesota	13	7	.650	3 1/2
Denver	12	8	.600	4 1/2
Portland	10	9	.526	6
Utah	9	12	.429	8
PACIFIC				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	18	3	.857	—
Sacramento	14	6	.700	3 1/2
L.A. Lakers	12	8	.600	5 1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	8	.579	6
Golden State	6	14	.300	11 1/2

Monday's Games
Miami 10p, Washington 8p
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Dallas 9p, Chicago 9p
Phoenix 12p, Orlando 10p
Boston at L.A. Clippers, late
Today's Games
Denver at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Esteban Yan on a two-year contract.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Kenie Steiner pitching coach for Delmarva of the South Atlantic League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Waived RHP Dan Wright for the purpose of granting his unconditional release. Traded OF Carlos Lee to Milwaukee for OF Scott Podsednik, RHP Luis Vizcaino and a player to be named.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with INF Jose Hernandez on a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Acquired RHP Angel Garcia from Arizona for cash.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with C Kelly Stinnett on a minor league contract. Designated LHP Shane Nance for assignment. Released RHP Andrew Good.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Jones on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Traded RHP Marcos Carvajal to Colorado for two minor league players to be named or cash. Acquired RHP Alex Zurwatt from Atlanta to complete an earlier trade.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with OF Wil Cordero on a one-year contract and OF Jeffrey Hammonds on a minor league contract. Designated OF Ron Calloway for assignment. Waived LHP Chad Benz for the purpose of granting his unconditional release.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with C Mike Matheny on a three-year contract.

Washington introduces Willingham as coach

BY TIM KORTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Just two weeks after being fired by Notre Dame, Tyrone Willingham was introduced Monday as the new head coach at Washington.

The Huskies believe Willingham can restore the school's sagging football program to national prominence and clean up a mess left by the school's ugly divorce with Rick Neuheisel.

"I couldn't be prouder at this moment to be the head coach," Willingham said at a news conference.

Willingham has a five-year deal worth \$1.43 million in guaranteed annual salary, with \$600,000 in incentives that could boost it to \$2 million annually, the university said. His base pay is \$425,000.

"Integrity, discipline, excellence, someone who would always make us proud," university President Mark Emmert said, listing qualities the school sought and feels it found in Willingham. "And someone who could win at the highest level, someone who knew the West Coast, and someone who will be here for a good long time."

Willingham was 21-15 in three seasons at Notre Dame — but after an 8-0 start in 2002, the Irish went 13-15. Willingham knows the Pac-10, going 44-36-1 with a Rose Bowl berth for Stanford from 1995-01.

Washington will play host to Notre Dame on Sept. 24, 2005.

"Am I aware Notre Dame is on the schedule?" Willingham asked, breaking into a playful smile. "I am, but that will not be the focus. With the years of



Michael Conroy/Associated Press

Then-Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham watches the pregame activities before the Notre Dame-Michigan game in South Bend, Ind., on Sept. 11. Willingham agreed to become Washington's third football coach in four seasons Sunday, just two weeks after being fired by Notre Dame.

experience I have in this game, I know the most important game is the next game. We open with Air Force."

The Huskies are coming off a school-worst 1-10 season that led Keith Gilbertson to step down after two years as coach. He replaced Neuheisel, who was fired in July 2003 for gambling on NCAA basketball.

"It's about time we had a clean start," safety C.J. Wallace said. "I came in with coach Neuheisel, and I really wanted to play for him. Then that happened, and coach Gilbertson happened. I think this could be a chance to be the right one."

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Winning paramount to Weis

"That's the bottom line in this business. Graduating kids is the first and foremost thing. ... Bringing in character kids is important. But it's all about winning games. That's why there's a coaching change."

— Charlie Weis,
New Notre Dame head coach

BY TOM COYNE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Charlie Weis says his job as Notre Dame's new football coach is to raise expectations and win games. It's as simple as that.

"That's the bottom line in this business," he said Monday at his first news conference since he was hired to replace the fired Tyrone Willingham. "Graduating kids is the first and foremost thing. ... Bringing in character kids is important. But it's all about winning games. That's why there's a coaching change."

Weis signed a six-year contract that will reportedly pay him \$2 million annually with the Irish Sunday night, 12 days after Willingham was fired and eight days after Notre Dame officials returned empty-handed after flying to Utah to meet with Utes coach Urban Meyer. Meyer signed with Florida instead.

Weis, the offensive coordinator for the NFL's New England Patriots and a 1978 Notre Dame graduate, is the first alumnus to coach the football team since Hugh Devore was interim coach in 1963.

"This is obviously a high-profile job but one that a long, long time ago I thought, 'Wouldn't that be something?'" said Weis, who did not play college football.

Athletics Director Kevin White said the school's search committee had five formal interviews and spoke with two candidates about specific details. He said Weis was the only one formally offered the position.

The 48-year-old Weis arrived at the school Sunday night, just hours after the Patriots beat Cincinnati in Foxboro, Mass. Within an hour, he met with the players.

"As I told the team, one of the problems is because expectations were not met," Weis said Monday. "You are what you are. And right now that's a 6-5 football team, and that's just not



Joe Raymond/Associated Press

New Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis talks to the media on Monday in South Bend, Ind., at his first news conference since he was hired to replace the fired Tyrone Willingham.

good enough. It's not good enough for me. If you think they hired me to go .500, you've got the wrong guy."

Weis told the players he'll be around as much as possible but would be staying with the Patriots through the playoffs.

"It is what it is. We'll deal with it," New England coach Bill Belichick said. "We have a good plan of how we want to deal with it. We might have to divide things up a little differently."

Weis' hiring ended an embarrassing two weeks for the most storied program in college football. He returns to his alma mater in the midst of what former Irish football player Dave Dueron, now a member of the school's Board of Trustees, described as great dissension.

That comment came several days after the Rev. Edward Malloy, who is retiring in June after 18 years as Notre Dame's president, said he was embarrassed

that the school had fired Willingham after posting a 21-15 record over three seasons. Malloy's assistant, Chandra Johnson, the school's highest-profile black administrator, shaved her head in protest.

Willingham, who coached at Stanford before going to South Bend, returned to the Pac-10 by accepting the job at Washington on Sunday night. Willingham will match up against his former team when Notre Dame visits Seattle next Sept. 24.

Weis has seen his stock rise with New England's success, but the Patriots' long playoff runs have hindered his attempt at a promotion. An NFL rule prohibits assistants from being hired while their teams are in the playoffs.

Weis nearly died in the summer of 2002 from complications of gastric bypass surgery, commonly known as stomach stapling. He was forced to get around on a motorized chair but

has since returned to full duty. He taught and coached high school in New Jersey from 1979-84 before taking an assistant's job at South Carolina for four seasons. He returned to coaching at the high-school level for one year before joining the Giants pro personnel department in 1989.

Weis was hired by the Giants as defensive assistant and assistant special-teams coach in 1990, earning his first Super Bowl ring. When Ray Handley took over the Giants in 1991, he made Weis running-backs coach.

Weis worked for the Patriots from 1993-96, coaching tight ends, running backs, and wide receivers. In 1997, Weis was hired by New York Jets coach Bill Parcells, who asked former Giants offensive coordinator Ron Erhardt to groom Weis as the Jets' offensive coordinator. In 1998, Weis became the Jets' offensive coordinator/wide-receivers coach.

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Small facilities can be a large hindrance when recruiting

GYMNASTICS

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Not only are both teams practicing in facilities that are far from adequate, but they are practicing in the already tight space together. Unlike any other gymnastics program in the Big Ten, the Iowa men and women share practice space and workout times.

"It is an older facility, and it would be nice to have [a new facility], because we do share it with the women, and we do work out together," Dunn said. "It would be nice to have a little more space to work with."

Although the shared space can present some challenges, both teams have a positive attitude about the situation, and the members focus on the advantages rather than the disadvantages.

"We like training with them for the simple aspect that it's different," Libby said. "No other programs get to do that. There are a lot of programs in the Big Ten that have men's and women's gymnastics, but they don't get along, and they don't train together, and we pride ourselves on that."

"I wouldn't change it except to give us a bigger space. It would make the atmosphere better, and we could train to the best of our ability. Right now, we're limited because of space. When we both get into season and we're both under stress, that's when it gets hard."

Senior Mindi Levitz agreed that despite the size of the gym, the benefits that the women

receive from practicing with the men far outweigh the negative aspects of the facility.

"It is a small gym, but we have almost everything that we need," she said. "I like the environment working out with the guys. It adds a lot of energy to our workouts."

Recruitment is also a concern for both teams, and it is heavily affected by the outdated facilities. Iowa is at a disadvantage compared with other programs in the Big Ten and around the country because of the condition and quality of the Field House gym.

"I'm not going to lie — it's hard to recruit against programs that have great facilities," Libby said. "There are some athletes who go to schools based on their facilities and end up unhappy because they didn't look at the other aspects [of the program], but unfortunately, we've lost out on that athlete."

The University of Michigan is one of the largest sources for competition for the women's team, both in season and during recruitment. Michigan, which is the defending Big Ten champion, is ranked seventh this season. The Wolverines practice in a multimillion-dollar facility.

"It is hard for recruiting when you are looking at Michigan versus us — our biggest rival," Libby said. "When you have the same academics at both schools, awesome teams, and awesome coaches, what does it come down to? The facility. It has a \$5.2 million facility; we don't."

Libby, who is beginning her

first year as head coach, and Dunn work together to make the most of what the university provides. Space constraints may limit practice room and put the teams at a disadvantage, but they also give the two programs advantages that other teams lack.

"I feel like we are in better communication with the men's team than in the past," Libby said. "Tom is always there and has always offered to help me at any point, which I very much appreciate. He has been here for 25 years, so he obviously knows this place a little better than I do, so I try to defer to him for advice, and he's very helpful with that. I feel like we work really well together as two head coaches."

"For the women, it's nice because, if you don't want to deal with females on that day, you have 12 other people who understand your lifestyle, your sport, what you have to do to accomplish your goals who aren't girls that you can go to."

Despite the outdated facilities, both teams are optimistic about their upcoming seasons and understand that it may take time for their accomplishments to be rewarded.

"We have only been in a position where we've been what I consider successful for the last five years," Libby said. "There are teams out there that have been going to nationals for years and just now got new facilities. We understand, but at the same time it hurts us."

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Disney trying to maximize profits; bowl season experience is spoiled

BOWL GAMES

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the "elite" bowls played on New Year's Day. Those elite bowls (Rose, Orange, Fiesta, Sugar, Citrus/Capital One, Gator, Cotton, and Outback) are the same eight major bowls in this year's bowl season, but since the debut of the BCS, only six of them play on New Year's Day. This year, the Sugar Bowl will be played on Jan. 3, and the Orange Bowl will be played on Jan. 4. Do we really need to wait until Jan. 4 to watch the national title game? I think not, but there is someone who does — Mickey Mouse.

Disney, ABC's parent company, holds the rights to all four BCS games and nationally televises all the games. ABC also televises the Capital One Bowl, and there is no way for it to televis all five games in one day, so it breaks them up in order to maximize profits. Money is another reason that the college-bowl season has looked like a month long Home Shopping network special in recent years.

The current 28 bowl games have 29 sponsors, with the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl presented by Bridgestone being the one with two. Some sponsors are needed for the smaller bowl games to survive, and some of the sponsorships actually make sense (i.e., Tostitos Fiesta Bowl), but come on. The Vitalis Sun Bowl in El Paso is named for a hair product, and the MPC Computers Bowl in Boise is named after the aforementioned computer company. What's the next sponsor to claim fame to a bowl game? Levitra? Tums? There is nothing the bowl committees won't do to gain more money for their bowls. What really did it for me was when the Rose Bowl turned corporate. To me the Rose is the most historic bowl in college football. It represented so much history and tradition; then came PlayStation 2, AT&T, and latest sponsor Citi. College-bowl games have

really lost their luster. Take, for example, this year's bowl season, which starts today with the Wyndham New Orleans Bowl between North Texas and Southern Miss. Pardon me if I don't take a three-hour study break to watch this sensational matchup.

It is also way too easy to get into a bowl game. This season a team only had to accomplish a record of 6-5 to be bowl-eligible. This season, 56 spots were available, and 59 teams were eligible. Clemson and South Carolina were bowl-eligible but turned down invites to a game because of the brawl between the two teams in the last game of the year, thus leaving 57 teams for 56 spots. Akron was the only team to be left out of the mix.

No matter what is done in the next couple years about the BCS and the way a national champion is determined, one thing is for sure: The number of bowls must go down. If a playoff is created or the old system is put back into effect, we need to get rid of the lower bowls. Fewer bowls would make the games much more competitive. People would much rather see a 7-4 team versus an 8-3 team than two 6-5 teams.

But for now, enjoy the 22 days of the bowl season. I'll start enjoying it after Christmas. Until then, does anyone have Dr. Emmett Brown's phone number?

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Michigan matches USC with four first-team All-Americans

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Michigan matched USC for the most first-team All-Americans with four: wide receiver Braylon Edwards, center David Baas, and defensive backs Marlin Jackson and Ernest Shazor.

"Whenever you have the best defensive back in the country on your team and you get to go against him every day, it only gets you better," Edwards said.

Jackson and Edwards were among 20 seniors on the first team and two of those who decided to delay an NFL career and return to college for their final seasons.

"It was exceptionally fun," said Edwards, who caught 87 passes for 1,221 yards. "I believe this whole season has definitely paid off for me."

Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson and Florida State tackle Alex Barron both returned to school after being All-Americans last season and ended up repeating.

Georgia defensive end David Pollack, LSU defensive end

Marcus Spears, Miami cornerback Antrell Rolle, and Auburn cornerback Carlos Rogers all considered bypassing their final years of eligibility and went on to become All-Americans.

California running back J.J. Arrington, second in the nation in rushing at 167.7 yards per game, and Purdue wide receiver Taylor Stubblefield, who caught 82 passes 1,014 yards and 15 touchdowns, made the AP first team.

Virginia and Ohio State joined Oklahoma as teams with two first-team All-Americans. Guard Elton Brown and tight end Heath Miller made it from the Cavaliers, and linebacker A.J. Hawk and kicker Mike Nugent were picked from the Buckeyes.

Tennessee's Michael Munoz made the first team, outdoing his dad. Anthony Munoz was never an AP All-American when he was a star offensive lineman for USC from 1976-79.

Wisconsin defensive end Erasmus James and Michigan State punter Brandon Fields completed the first team.

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Coughlin believes in struggling Manning

BY TOM CANAVAN
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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Despite his quarterback's horrific struggles in recent weeks, Tom Coughlin still believes that Eli Manning is going to be an outstanding QB for the reeling New York Giants.

Coughlin iterated Monday that the No. 1 pick in the draft will start against the Pittsburgh Steelers (12-1), adding that giving Manning a week off to clear his head wasn't an option.

"The rookie player that has this type of opportunity, and this type of experience, it is a priceless experience that does not come without pain," Coughlin said in a conference call as he reviewed a 37-14 loss to Baltimore.

Not only is Manning winless in four starts since taking over from Kurt Warner, his statistics are dreadful. He has completed 42-of-110 passes for 516 yards, one touchdown and has six interceptions. His quarterback rating is a 33.8 percent — the lowest in the NFL for anyone with 100 pass attempts.

And the Giants have lost their last three games by at least 21 points, the first time that has happened since 1980.

Manning has had two good halves, one against Atlanta and another versus Philadelphia. His last two games have been horrible.

Against the Ravens on Sunday, Manning was 4-for-18 for 27 yards, two interceptions, a lost fumble, and a zero rating.

The Giants, who have lost six in a row, didn't do anything on offense until Warner took over in the fourth quarter and led a touchdown drive. The other TD was provided by the New York defense.

"Yesterday was a setback," Coughlin said of Manning. "I thought the second half Atlanta and the first half Philadelphia were outstanding and in the right direction. The last two weeks have not been as such, but I am not changing my opinion one iota. I think you have to play through these things."

There are valid excuses for Manning's woes.

The offensive line has struggled since Game 6. Center Shaun O'Hara has missed three games, and rookie guard Chris Snee has missed the last two with a baffling glandular infection.

In the last three games, Manning has faced three of the NFL's top defenses — Philadelphia, Washington, and Baltimore. All three have put in wrinkles that confused the young quarterback.

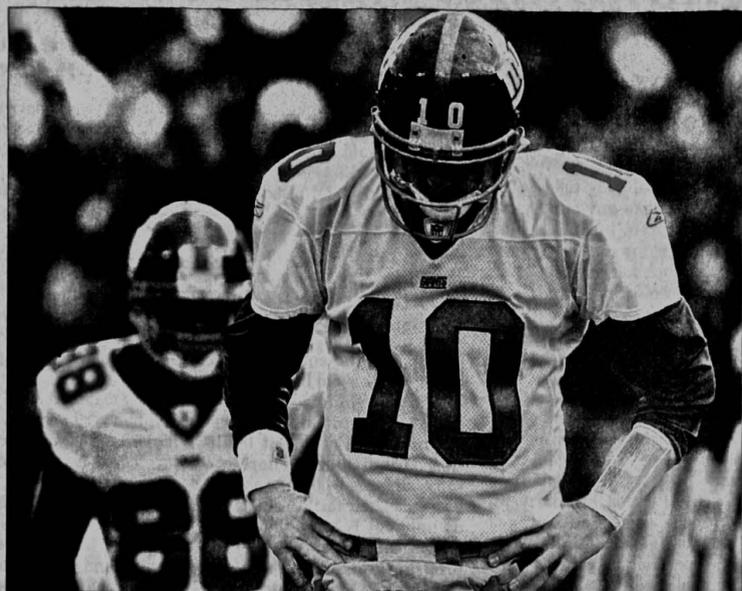
The Steelers fit in the same category, which doesn't bode well for this weekend at Giants Stadium.

"It is causing him to pause at the line of scrimmage, which is really affecting the offense," Coughlin said. "We seem to be over the ball too long. We have to make a determination and go."

The Giants' receivers haven't helped much.

Amani Toomer has been battling a hamstring injury. Ike Hilliard had a sub-par year, and tight end Jeremy Shockey, who might be the most potent weapon, has not been used well by the coaching staff. The team's two speed receivers, Tim Carter and Jamaar Taylor, have been injured much of the season.

"I just feel if something good would happen for Eli and the offensive team they would feel a lot better about themselves," Coughlin said.



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New York Giant quarterback Eli Manning (right) reacts after throwing an incomplete pass to wide receiver Ike Hilliard (left) during the first quarter against the Baltimore Ravens Sunday in Baltimore.

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DAILY BREAK

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calendar

• **United Campus Ministry Free Food for Thought, study break, 9:30 a.m.-noon, United Campus Ministry Office, 500 N. Clinton St.**

• **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon, "U.S.-Vietnamese Relations," Ambassador Ton-nu-thi Ninh, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton St.**

Magical Moments in 2004

— by Nick Narigon

• New Year's 2004, when your vomit still had champagne bubbles.

• Super Bowl XXX rated: When my 15-year dream of viewing Janet Jackson's breast was finally realized.

• The Iowa caucuses, where the ghost of Howard Dean's political career is still screaming, "... and then to Hawaii, and to Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic..."

• Some people graduated. Then they got internships. Then they returned to their college job of delivering pizzas. Congratulate them the next time you order from Gumbys's.

• Then we had the Summer Olympics, which it seems that all they showed was a bunch of bikini-clad girls playing beach volleyball. It makes you proud to be an American.

• Oh yeah, and our basketball team got the bronze. Next time, they might as well just send the Hawkeye women's team. They have as good of a chance as those NBA hacks.

• Then school started, and all you bright-eyed freshmen realized your dreams and entered the magical life of college. That 15 pounds you gained — don't fret about dieting, it ain't going away.

• And soon it will be New Year's 2005. Take it easy on the champagne.

quote of the day

“Stay away from my wife. What's wrong with you? How could you?”

— Kobe Bryant to Karl Malone, as reported by Bryant on Sunday. The Laker star said Malone made a pass at his wife last month.

horoscopes

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It may be difficult for you to see what's going on in your own backyard. Listen to what's being said, but go to the source for the truth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Promote your beliefs, and you will get people to listen. Put some time and effort into looking your best. You will find that it pays off in compliments and a possible promotion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do something nice for an older relative. Your effort will lead to some interesting offers. Don't let your health suffer because you overdo it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Not everyone will feel the same way you do, so cut the people you love some slack, and let them do as they please. The more freedom you offer, the less they will want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Putting in extra hours on an important job will bring great results and satisfaction. Don't let anyone steal your thunder or take credit for your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attend a concert or get together with friends. You will enjoy the festivities. Be a part of what's happening instead of an onlooker.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop getting so worked up about what's going on around you. Accept the inevitable; join in and participate instead of complaining.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is a time to be happy and enjoy your friends and family. Call everyone together for a little festive cheer. The friendlier you are, the better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Think about your future and what you want to accomplish next year. This is a good time to organize your game plan for the future and start to put your plans in motion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let someone's comments confuse you. Keep in mind that everyone is overworked and on edge at this time of the year. Focus on success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be too trusting or believe what someone tells you. Rely on your own abilities; don't try to take a shortcut.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be popular and hard to resist, but when talking about your plans, keep your thoughts to yourself. Actions will speak louder than words today.

news you need to know

Friday — Residence Halls dining contract ends, dinner

— Close of final-exams week, 9 p.m.

Saturday — Residence Halls close, 5 p.m.

Dec. 22 — First-semester grades, guided independent-study grades, and all reports to remove I and O grades due to Registrar, 4:30 p.m.

happy birthday to ...

Dec. 14 — Jacklyn Fox, 19; Libby Elmer, 23; Lindsay Daskam, 21

If you have a friend or family member whose birthday falls between Dec. 18 and Jan. 16, please e-mail us before the end of finals week.

E-mail their names, ages, and dates of birth to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu at least two days in advance.

PATV schedule

7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 SCTV Calendar
11:30 SCTV Mature Focus
Noon Target Iraq
12:30 p.m. Christmas Lights in Iowa City
1:05 The Cake Show
1:15 Duality
1:20 That Funny Dog Is In A Mine!
1:30 Never Fear, Never Quit
2 St. Mary's Liturgy
3 24-7

4 Gospel Explosion Ministry
5 Animal House
5:30 AARP Money Matters
6 Tom's Guitar Show Live
7 U.N. Report
7:30 The Power of Choice
8 Tonight with Bradman Live
9 PATV Reserved: Local Music
10 Cold and Grey
10:30 RBO TV
11 Whatever No. 3

UITV schedule

3 p.m. Social Movement through the Arts: Human-Rights Activism and Black Leadership at the Collegiate Level
4:35 Plan Prepare and Practice: Elements of Emergency Exercise Design
5:30 UI Lecture Committee Presents Mitch Albom
6:30 "Live from Prairie Lights," Mary Helen Stefaniak

7:30 Social Movement through the Arts: Human-Rights Activism and Black Leadership at the Collegiate Level
9:05 Plan Prepare and Practice: Elements of Emergency Exercise Design
10 UI Lecture Committee Presents Mitch Albom
11 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Fall Kickoff
11:30 Iowa basketball with Steve Alford

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at www.dailyiowan.com.

Little University

1 What town gives tourists the chance to watch artisans hand-roll El Hemingway cigars?

2 What movie gives Annette Bening a chance to wash a glass door in her skivvies and repeat: "I will sell this house today?"

3 What entertainer secured breeding permits for giraffes, hedgehogs, and orangutans at his California ranch?

4 What's Rush Limbaugh, according to an Al Franken book title?

5 What surgical procedure did a British outfit offer free of charge to the first Frenchman who signed up, in 2000?

1. Key West
2. American Beauty
3. Michael Jackson
4. A Big Fat Liar
5. A Vasectomy

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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The New York Times Crossword

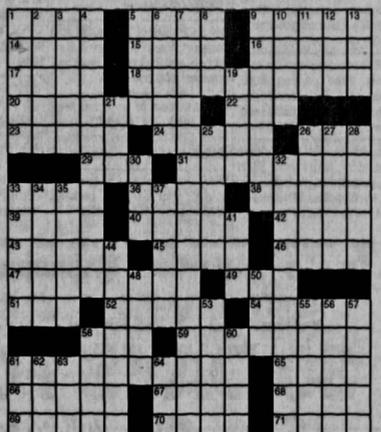
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Gangster's blade
 - 5 Datebook entry: Abbr.
 - 9 Brief news report
 - 14 Prefix with -batic
 - 15 Detective's discovery
 - 16 Explode
 - 17 Flying irritant
 - 18 Runners
 - 20 Pleasingly drawn
 - 22 E.R. personnel
 - 23 Tuscan home of St. Catherine
 - 24 Last herb in a Simon & Garfunkel title
 - 26 Clay, after 1964
 - 29 Wildebeest
 - 31 Cinderella's accomplices to the ball
 - 33 Caveat emptor phrase
 - 36 Loll in a tub
 - 38 Skewered food
 - 39 Place for a bagel and a schmear
 - 40 Binge
 - 42 State bird of Hawaii
 - 43 Area at a river's mouth
 - 45 Having time on one's hands
 - 46 Alum
 - 47 Zoo baby
 - 49 Islands welcome
 - 51 Plastic Band
 - 52 Half of a 1960's pop quartet
 - 54 Cattle breed
 - 58 Bobby of hockey
 - 59 Desperate final effort
 - 61 Where elections are decided
 - 65 Marc Antony's love, for short
 - 66 Chemist Pasteur
 - 67 Finished second
 - 68 Château ___-Brien wine
 - 69 Fathered
 - 70 LAX listings: Abbr.
 - 71 Wiggly biters
- DOWN**
- 1 Short stories they're not
 - 2 Rousseau or Matisse
 - 3 Furious
 - 4 Booth, e.g.
 - 5 Bank statement no.
 - 6 Braid of hair
 - 7 Obsolescent election item
 - 8 A Kennedy
 - 9 Rustic ... and proud of it
 - 10 Notable times
 - 11 Scene-ending cry
 - 12 Gibbon or orangutan
 - 13 Scoreboard nos.
 - 19 "___ la Douce"
 - 21 ___ Gabriel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PRIM GERM TOAST
 OONA ELIA OLLIE
 OMAN YALC PESOS
 LETTINALLHANGOUT
 HANG ONO PXS
 ASA YRES STP
 RUNS IDLY GONGA
 KICKUPYOURHEELS
 STEIN SEMI TAUT
 NCO SAPS TEA
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 IDTAG ODDOR TEAR
 TEMPE READ HAVE
 STEAM ENDS OKED



- 35 Volunteer's statement
- 37 Kind of den
- 41 Long fish
- 44 It's often shared in theaters
- 48 Complain
- 50 Have a bite
- 53 Mexican restaurant bowlful
- 55 Inaugural balls
- 56 Deplete
- 57 Dalmatian features
- 58 Perennial battleground state
- 60 Retired Atl. fliers
- 61 Priestly garb
- 62 Bath water tester
- 63 Harbor craft
- 64 Grand ___ Ory

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