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## UI's graduation and retention rates worry Board of Regents

The Regents will review possible solutions, including raising admissions standards

BY TRACI FINCH  
THE DAILY IOWAN

AMES — The state Board of Regents expressed concerns Wednesday over a report showing the UI's retention and graduation rates falling behind those of similar institutions and

vowed to review possible solutions, including raising the university's admissions standards.

The annual report — detailing retention rates for the freshman class of 2003 and six-year graduation rates for the freshman class beginning in 1998 — was presented to a board subcommittee

during the regents' meeting at Iowa State University.

Officials discussed the reasons that the regent institutions' six-year graduation rates fell behind such peer institutions as the University of Illinois, UCLA, and the University of Michigan. The UI saw 65 percent of the 1998 class

graduate in six years or fewer, while the University of Illinois was at 81 percent, UCLA at 87 percent, and Michigan at 85 percent.

"One big factor ... is the institutions that are more selective in the terms of numbers of students and the types of students

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## Burn victim wins \$1.6M in bar stunt

Jury decides that Troy Kline's stunt was 'willful and wanton disregard' for the safety of others

BY SEUNG MIN KIM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Deanine Busche entered a Johnson County courtroom on Dec. 6, seeking money for injuries suffered in a fiery bar stunt that went awry in April 2002. She left a week and a half later, having won more than \$1.6 million.

A jury decided on Wednesday, after nearly a full day of debate, to give Busche almost \$1.4 million in compensation and an extra \$275,000 to punish Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St., and former general manager Troy Kline.

Despite the sum, the jury decided that Busche was partly at fault in the blaze that caused her injuries. In the verdict, the eight jurors assessed roughly one-third of the blame to the former UI student, who was accused during the trial of spitting alcohol into the flaming bar well.

"There was no actual proof of anything that [Busche] did specifically," juror Patty Urban, a North Liberty resident, said on Wednesday night. "It was more of a fact that we did not find Mr. Kline was 100 percent at fault."

She added that it was difficult to conclude Kline and Et Cetera were completely responsible because scientific testimony

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**MONEY AWARDED TO FORMER UI STUDENT DEANINE BUSCHE:**

Past medical expenses: \$71,494.77

Past pain and suffering: \$900,000

Past loss of full body: \$100,000

Future medical expenses: \$25,000

Future pain and suffering: \$200,000

Future loss of full body: \$100,000

Punitive damages against Troy Kline: \$25,000

Punitive damages against Et Cetera: \$250,000

Total awarded: \$1,671,494.77



Busche

Jury decided that she was partly at fault for the blaze

### FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

A local branch of a national program lights up some young children's lives with laughter & companionship by providing them with somebody indispensable — a grandparent.



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan



**Mary Foster**  
'It's a good interaction time with staff members and children. It's the buoying up of your spirit.'

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

To watch 4-year-old Logan play with Mary Foster, 65, you would never know his preschool teachers describe him as a shy little boy. Logan laughs as he and Foster mold a landscape, complete with a riverbed, out of purple Play-Doh.

Foster works at Handicare preschool in Coralville through the Foster Grandparent Program. The national service provides extra care for children who have special needs — which, program director Jill VanDee said, can range from mental disability to low-income.

The local branch, which began in October 2003, has already placed three surrogate grandparents with community organizations such as Handicare. It plans to place four

more by the first of the year, VanDee said. Potential foster grandparents must be at least 60 years of age, be living on a fixed income, and have 15 to 20 hours each week available to volunteer, she said.

"We have some very good quality people coming to us," said Debbie Hoffman, a program recruiter.

VanDee said the Foster Grandparent Program benefits both the children receiving care and the seniors who give it to them. The program provides workers with a nontaxable stipend, transportation, paid vacation, sick leave, and, most importantly, Foster said, a support group and social network. The Foster Grandparent Program conducts classes on topics from estate planning to relaxation techniques.

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**Mary Foster takes time to play with 4-year-old Luke on Wednesday morning at Handicare in Coralville. Foster has been a foster grandparent for a year, since the local program started.**

## Gov't wants college students' personal data

BY NICK PETERSEN  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A Department of Education initiative that would force the UI and other schools to release students' personal information to the federal government has privacy advocates snarling in opposition.

The proposition would force students in colleges and universities nationwide to surrender data, such as their names and Social Security numbers, in

addition to academic information, including fields of study and financial aid received.

Officials hope to raise colleges' and universities' accountability for federal funding with the information, said Mike Bowler, the communications and outreach director of the National Institute of Education Sciences.

"The way we collect information now is sort of haphazard and varies from state to state and school to school," he said.

The existing method for evaluating schools — comparing the number of students entering one year with the number graduating four years later — doesn't account for transfer students, Bowler said.

But an official from the American Civil Liberties Union said that if the Department of Education compiled the data, it would prove an "irresistible gold mine" for corporations.

Ben Stone, the executive director of the Iowa division of the

famed civil-liberties organization, said companies that donate money to politicians would persuade lawmakers to release the information if it were collected.

"The people that track the efficiency of federal-education spending need to find another way to do it," Stone said.

Bowler said any privacy concerns with the updated method should be nullified because of the

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Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

BY JESSICA SEVESKA  
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduating senior Michelle Thompson wasn't the least bit nervous when she sat down for a mock interview last semester with a representative from Target. After all, it was just an assignment for class.

She was surprised, however, when the company called her back for another interview.

"It was crazy; I wasn't expecting to hear from them at all," she said.

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**UI senior Michelle Thompson will graduate this month with a degree in management and organization. She plans on moving to the Chicago area in May to work for Target as an executive branch leader.**

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NEWS

# \$talks when choosing a major

*A recently published study finds college majors and the amount of money earned after graduation closely linked, though finding a job might not come so easily*

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

English or business? Pharmacy or nursing? Music or physical therapy?

Choosing a major is a big decision — and it's getting bigger. The recently published *College Majors Handbook With Real Career Paths* concluded that the amount of money earned after graduation is more closely linked to choosing the "right" undergraduate major than ever.

After studying 150,000 college students, the book's authors, three economists from Northeastern University in

'A major is not a coupon that you will turn in on graduation day for an assortment of very narrow jobs.'

— Cherie Mobasher, UI Career Center

Boston, found that science, engineering, and business majors top the list of earners with a bachelor's degree. Social work and education majors are the lowest paid.

But don't fret if your major isn't promising high yields, and don't start overspending quite yet if your major is a top earner. First, work on finding a job, said Cherie Mobasher of the UI Career Center.

"A major is not a coupon that you will turn in on graduation day for an assortment of very narrow jobs," she said.

Instead of just picking a high-earning major, it takes work outside of the classroom to find a job. Mobasher said a major teaches numerous skills besides the subject area — for instance, majors teach transferable skills, including analytical thinking.

Employers are looking for students who have proven themselves in a work environment, Mobasher said. Some students she has advised majored in liberal arts and graduated to earn competitive salaries. Their secret was to take on internships while still in school.

"I do think personally that

there used to be the assumption that jobs would just appear — that there was a job for everyone," she said.

While the job market is getting more competitive, the study's findings are not new, Mobasher added. It is normal for students to follow the money when they choose a major.

A survey this fall of 1,500 UI freshmen taken by the Career Center showed high income is the students' highest priority in deciding a major, as it has been for years. Helping others and flexible hours are the two other most popular choices.

The Office of Admissions also sees enrollment climb in particular majors as pay increases, said Emil Rinderspacher, the UI senior associate director of admissions. Since 2000, the number of students declaring pre-nursing and pharmacy majors has doubled.

"A lot of times they talk about wanting to help people," said Rinderspacher, who also teaches a college transition course. "They also know the job markets that are good."

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## CITY

### Final Research VP candidate drops out

The fifth candidate for UI vice president for Research withdrew on Dec. 14, the search committee for the job reported Wednesday.

Greg Carmichael, the chairman of the panel, said he could not reveal the candidate's name or the reasons he or she dropped out, but he acknowledged that the person was not from the UI.

He called the candidate's withdrawal "a personal decision." The vice president for Research, who heads the UI's research, scholarly, and creative programs, is a "serious commitment," Carmichael said.

"We are going to write our report based on the four candidates, and

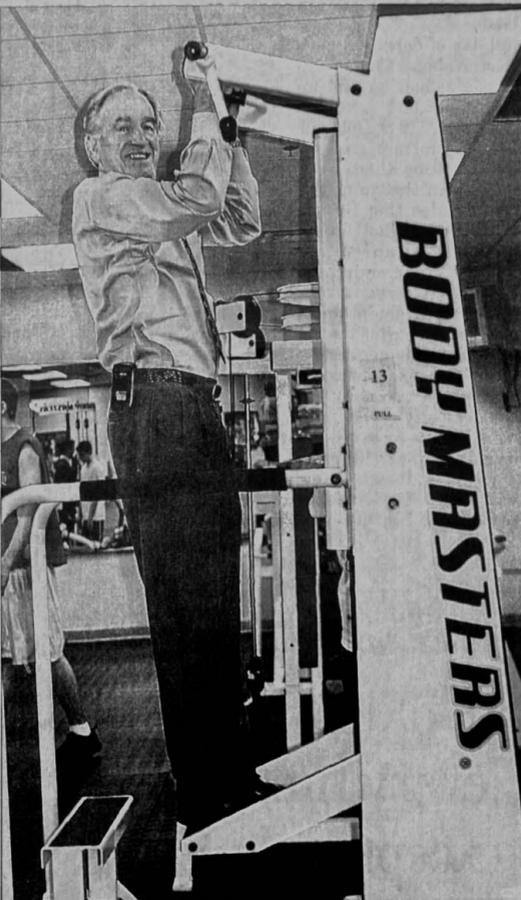
we intend to deliver that report to President Skorton in a timely manner," Carmichael said. "At that point, President Skorton will decide how to proceed."

The committee will give its final decision to UI President David Skorton by Christmas. "We've worked hard," Carmichael said. "Our job, we hope, is soon done."

The pool of finalists includes UI faculty members Michael O'Hara and Richard Hurtig, Meredith Hay of the University of Missouri, and John H. Hall Jr. of Morehouse College.

— by Annie Hamm

## POLITICAL LIFTING



Melissa Carlo, Ottumwa Courier/Associated Press  
Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, does a pull-up during his visit to the physical-fitness center at Ottumwa High School on Wednesday. Harkin was pleased with how the high school spent its recently acquired physical-education program grant, which funded the fitness center.

## Panel praises UI for its diversity in hiring

BY TRACI FINCH  
THE DAILY IOWAN

AMES — A subcommittee of the state Board of Regents commended the UI's annual Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Workforce Report on Wednesday afternoon.

The Human Resources Committee today will formally present numbers of sexual and ethnic diversity in hiring over the past year, five years, and 10 years when the board reconvenes.

"Diversity equates to excellence for all of our students," said Charlotte Westerhaus, the director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. It gives "the opportunity to do better academically, to do better as citizens, and to do better in the state of Iowa as our economy continues to grow."

Among the highlights of the report were statistics on the areas in which women and minorities are hired — at the UI, women held 85.1 percent of the secretarial/clerical positions as of Sept. 30. They also ranked high in professional and scientific staff and in service and maintenance staff.

Minorities don't make up a majority in any area, although 14.6 percent of tenure-track faculty is made up of minorities. Non-tenure-track faculty and service and maintenance staff positions hold the next-highest numbers of minorities.

Minority representation in staff and faculty increased 50.9

percent in the past 10 years, according to the report.

Over the past 10 years, the university has seen a decrease of 17.9 percent of self-reporting disabled staff or faculty members. However, university officials seemed optimistic about the hiring increases in women and minority faculty.

Westerhaus told the regents that the UI will present a strategic plan in March 2005 that will include details of a proposal to improve diversity. She said a task force headed by Provost Michael Hogan would evaluate a "broader sense" than ethnicity and sex.

Regents President John Forsyth commended Westerhaus and her Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa counterparts. He said that in hard times, the universities have stepped up.

"If one looks at this over the five-10 periods of time, there have been significant increases in diversity," he said, referring to the universities' work as "a way of life as opposed to a system of counting numbers."

"It's very difficult to do that in a period where there's been reductions of resources ... it hasn't been the best time," he said. "Yet we've seen an increase in diversity, so I think this team and the institution should be commended."

Forsyth said he is looking forward to seeing the strategic plan.

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**Wayne Field**, 19, Winterset, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.

**Mathew Fusaro**, 20, 2420 Wayne Ave., was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Tyren Harper**, 40, 1037 Cross Park Ave. Apt. A, was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct, interference with official acts, violation of the Iowa drug tax stamp, and possession of a schedule I controlled substance with intent to deliver.

**Amy Sirk**, 20, 444 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Jason Streeter**, 25, 425 Bowery St. Apt. 4, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.

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WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

# Sprint rings up Nextel deal

The \$35 billion acquisition would make Sprint Nextel the third-largest U.S. wireless-service provider

BY ELLEN SIMON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Sprint Corp.'s \$35 billion acquisition of Nextel Communications Inc. could challenge Cingular Wireless and Verizon Wireless for supremacy in a ruthlessly competitive business where prices are constantly dropping.

The combination, if approved, would create a company called Sprint Nextel with 35 million wireless subscribers and a combined \$40 billion in annual revenue, cementing Sprint's spot as the country's third-largest wireless business after Cingular and Verizon.

To succeed, the combined company must iron out vast differences in culture and technology. Once that's done, consumers could benefit from even lower wireless prices, analysts say. The downside: Job cuts are likely, and Nextel's customers would eventually have to buy new phones.

The first challenge is that "Nextel's rough-and-tumble roots as an entrepreneurial taxi radio-dispatch business may not jibe with Sprint's button-down persona," CIBC World Markets analyst Timothy Horan wrote in a research note.

No problem, said Timothy Donahue, 55, Nextel's president and chief executive officer, who will be chairman of the combined company.

He said he and Gary Forsee, 53, the chairman and chief executive officer of Sprint, who will be the new company's CEO, will work side by side.

"He's a good guy," said Donahue. "I'll also enjoy playing golf with him and having dinner with him."

If the personality differences may be quickly resolved, meshing the two companies' technology will be more complex — and expensive — because their networks and handsets are worlds apart.

More than any other U.S. cell phone company, Sprint has invested heavily in developing multimedia capabilities such as text and photo messaging, even offering a premium TV service that allows customers to watch everything from baseball games to



Jeff Chiu/Associated Press

news on their phones. It has joined with handset companies, such as Samsung Corp., that make phones with vast data storage and fast chips.

Nextel phones, by contrast, are relatively

low-tech. Produced exclusively by Motorola Inc., they feature a push-to-talk walkie-talkie function popular with landscapers and contractors. The phones run on a different type of network from Sprint's.

Louis Lo holds up the Nextel i830 (left) and the Samsung Sprint 680 phones in San Francisco on Wednesday. Telecommunications giant Sprint announced it will acquire Nextel in a \$35 billion deal that would create the nation's third-largest wireless-telephone service provider.

NATION

## Interceptor missile fails to launch in test

WASHINGTON (AP) — An experimental interceptor missile failed to get off the ground in a test of the U.S. national missile-defense system early Wednesday, raising new doubts about prospects for the imminent activation of the system.

In the test, a target missile, a simulated ICBM with a mock warhead, was launched without problem from Kodiak, Alaska, at 12:45 a.m. EST, a statement from the Defense Department's Missile Defense Agency said.

However, 16 minutes later, an "unknown anomaly" led to an automatic shutdown of the interceptor missile shortly before it was to launch from the Ronald Reagan Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean.

The target missile crashed into the ocean.

The agency gave no other details and said program officials will review pre-launch data to determine the cause for the shutdown. Most missile-launching systems are designed to shut down automatically as a safety

feature, but it was unclear what tripped the system, officials said.

The test was the first full test of the system in nearly two years. The Missile Defense Agency has attempted to conduct the test several times this month but scrubbed each one for a variety of reasons, including weather problems and a malfunction on a recovery vessel not directly related to the equipment being tested.

Philip Coyle, the Pentagon's former chief of testing who has become a critic of the Bush administration's missile-defense plans, said the cause of the failure could have been anything from a software glitch to a major hardware malfunction.

He called the failure a "serious setback."

During the test, the interceptor was not necessarily supposed to strike the target missile, officials said, but it was possible. Instead, the primary goal was to collect data on the interceptor's performance.

Wednesday's test was also to have been the first in which the interceptor used the same booster rocket that the operational system would use.

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## Air passengers to get in-flight web access

The FCC approves technology to give airlines cheaper Internet options

BY GENARO C. ARMAS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Passengers taking to the skies for U.S. flights could be checking e-mail and surfing the web through high-speed Internet connections in a couple of years. And the day when travelers can chat away on cell phones while in flight might not be far behind.

The Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday approved technology giving airlines what could be a cheaper option to provide Internet connections. The commissioners also voted to solicit public comment about ending the ban on in-flight use of cell phones.

"Today, we live in an increasingly mobile world, and Americans are demanding greater

access to wireless services and applications," said FCC Chairman Michael Powell. "We are pushing the frontiers in order to bring the information age to all corners of the world."

The FCC already had approved a high-speed Internet service provided by Boeing Co. called "Connexion," which uses satellites to get air passengers online. The service is offered by some international carriers, including some flights to and from the United States.

But airline industry officials say cash-strapped domestic carriers haven't bought into the service largely because of the cost — an estimated \$500,000 per jet to install the needed equipment.

The FCC on Wednesday voted to allow airlines to offer high-speed Internet connections through the frequencies used by seatback phones. It would cost roughly \$100,000 to outfit a plane with the necessary equipment.

As he waited for a flight at Washington's Reagan National

Airport, Tim Thomas, 47, of Binghamton, N.Y., said he relished the thought of being able to work on reports and send e-mail from his seat on the plane.

"I would find that a very efficient use of that time," Thomas said.

Doug Wills, spokesman for the Air Transport Association,

the major airlines' trade group, said the FCC ruling cleared regulatory barriers, though airlines are still analyzing costs. The airlines "would love to see cheaper and more affordable competition among the technology companies," he said.

AP writer Emily Fredrix contributed to this report.

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## Benefits of student tracking outweigh potential problems

In the past month, this Editorial Board has urged the Bush administration to do more for higher education while calling for a less-hysterical attitude regarding the state of civil liberties in post-9/11 America. With a new proposal for the federal government to track enrollment records of college and university students — keeping tabs on everything from transfers to graduation rates and tuition rates — we have now asked ourselves if education, too, is at least equally important as privacy. For the moment, we think it is.

The U.S. Department of Education and supporters of the proposed change have treated this, believe it or not, as an education issue rather than a matter of antiterrorism, because it would record every aspect of a student's college career from enrollment to graduation. That's a good way to go, although it's worth noting that some of the 9/11 hijackers entered the United States on student visas. Their argument — that having better data on what happens to individual students in the school system can better help the federal government evaluate school performance — makes sense as well.

After the *DI*'s Dec. 9 editorial warning against a proposed Pell Grant formula before Congress that would be less fair in calculating student financial need, we should note that this latest proposal of tracking individual students would make it easier to calculate their tuition burden. Also, graduation rates under the current system do not account for students who transfer between colleges and universities, a glaring omission. Clearly, there is room for improvement.

Critics' warnings that the post-9/11 government shouldn't be trusted with a further erosion of personal privacy are less convincing. The *New York Times* reported that all data collected on students would be kept by the National Center for Education Statistics; it would be illegal for any other agency to even have, much less abuse, the data. This isn't exactly a case of Big Brother watching us. Personal privacy is always a concern, but this proposal wouldn't allow the government to know what we ate for dinner last night or what types of shampoo we use.

A more valid concern is that the system would use students' Social Security numbers at a time when schools, including the UI, are moving to other methods of tracking students because of identity-theft concerns. It's also worth asking why private colleges and universities are forced to turn over student data as well, even if they aren't dependent on federal funds.

These wouldn't be hard problems to fix: for example, by using a national student-identification system similar to that at the UI and only requiring the data from schools that accept federal funding. We hope that Congress will take a serious look at these concerns and also hope that the federal government's calls for increased accountability will be met with the sort of increased funding that was promised to high schools under No Child Left Behind but never delivered.

Overall, the advantages to be gained by a more accurate accounting of student performance outweigh any troubles that we can foresee. As always, a watchful public will be needed to keep the government honest, but so long as it does what it says — and the law requires it to — such watchfulness should be enough.

## Structural orphan

A lot of my friends' parents inevitably move out of the family house when the last child leaves for college. Occasionally, if it's a family of three children or more, they might even make the move with the youngest of the clan still in high school. Maybe they get antsy or want to start saving money before they have even more tuition fees accumulating. I never had to ponder this. I left for school and within two years, the house was gone, and I was a structural orphan.

This doesn't seem to affect me the way it does other people. If I did go back to my hometown, I could stay with my dad, but a real chill has settled over his house between his mangy attack dog and the absence of my stepbrother, who died three years ago after a long battle with a rare form of cancer. I could stay with my paternal grandmother, but she's pretty unstable — forgets entirely too much — and goes between calling me fat or malnourished, which is hard on even the toughest psyche (and mine is far from that). If I absolutely needed to return, I could stay with my best friends' parents or any assorted colleague or companion of my parents as well. Small-town socialites that they are, I could solve my housing problem if necessary.



BRITTANY SHOOT

But returning home is quite the opposite of necessary. In the years since I've left home and come to college, I sort of lost the concept of home entirely. My mother sold her house, and I never technically lived in my dad's house, so even though it's still there, it matters no more or less than it ever did. My belongings from my mom's house either got shipped out here to clutter my apartment or are in a storage unit somewhere in central Indiana.

I did what we all have to do at some point: I went home and sorted such things as "work" shirts (how often do you really need work clothes when you go home?), stuffed animals, boxes of letters from old "friends" (who were only labeled as such because we saw each other every day and could commiserate about our horrible English teacher, Mrs. Gray), and random items reminding me of high school (or not reminding me of anything because I'd forgotten where they came from or why I had them). Having gone home maybe half a dozen times in the three years I've been gone, my last trip home was no less surreal when driving past old landmarks or suddenly driving on a street that had not previously existed (this actually happened). And in some ways, it provided a sense of closure. But because my life at home is so removed from my life today, little if any closure was needed.

Most people I know go through some line of this thinking. Some people's parents turn their old rooms into shrines of their former lives. Some turn them into "guest rooms" that they somehow lived without before, but now that the kids have left, they must return and act as guests in their own homes in a way. I don't think the parents usually consider the ramifications of these acts. When you look for articles about empty-nesters, you find lots of information about how they move to the cities and enjoy urban apartment life that was a distant dream in the suburbs. My mother, acting older than her age or something equally strange, moved to a trailer park in Florida to hang out with people 20 years older than her. Whatever your parents do to step away from their life with their children, it can be insulting. As much as most of us wanted to leave home and are pretty happy to be on our own, we like the idea that we can go back to our old beds and show our new college friends and lovers the places we grew up. I, for one, lack that luxury, and it troubles me more than my distant relationship with my parents.

The holidays are a time to come together, but I usually feel most alone this time of year; at least I do when I go home. The holidays should not be about unpleasant ultimatums, but perhaps they are unavoidable.

### LETTERS

#### Setting record straight on drug resolution

Tyler Mackie's misrepresentation of Students for Sensible Drug Policy's efforts is not surprising (letters, *DI*, Dec. 13), as his misunderstanding of the resolution and its intent were evident in his comments at the UI Student Assembly meeting on Dec. 7.

What Mackie considers "passive" lobbying included numerous e-mails and phone calls to senators in an attempt to gain feedback on the resolution. Few returned attempts at communication. That he feels senators shouldn't discuss a resolution with its authors prior to Student Assembly meetings is nonsensical. A basic understanding of our political structure will reveal that public access to representatives is the foundation of our democracy.

Just because Mackie wasn't included in devising the policy does not mean other senators weren't involved in its construction. Also, he should know that he voted on our group's resolution only two, not three, times.

At the Dec. 7 meeting, Mackie instigated a discussion about resident-assistant responsibilities, implying clauses that were nonexistent in our resolution. The resolution was sufficiently vague to avoid that very discussion. Our only intent was to pass a symbolic resolution in favor of keeping students with possible drug problems in the residence halls; details such as the potential effect on RAs were purposefully excluded. He brought up discussion of keeping drug dealers in the dorms, which was blatantly false and addressed in the very quote he chose for his letter to the editor (read "minor possession"). Instead of voting on what was in front of him, Mackie cast his vote on misperceptions that would have been cleared up had he and many senators chosen to respond to our inquiries.

Finally, Mackie's assertions that the UI should be compassionate and keep marijuana users in the dorms while throwing students who may be addicted to heroin on the street is representative of his opinions on the matter: illogical.

George Pappas  
president, UI Students for Sensible Drug Policy



Campus politics

#### Scientific research improves lives

Animals may be freed, and laboratories may be damaged, but no matter how bad things seem, scientific research will continue through the years. Those members of the Animal Liberation Front will not destroy the passion and determination of science students across America.

Speaking as one of the people who has benefited from the advances scientific research has made, I would not be the person I am today if it had not been for that research. All of the treatments I have had throughout my 31 years of life were done at the UI Hospitals and Clinics. Growth hormones, which were tested on animals, have helped me to be taller. Other scientific research done on animals has paved the way for other procedures to help better my life. And to those science students and doctors, I say: Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

As an incoming student to the UI in January, I look forward to studying in the fields of genetics and biochemistry. I look forward to being a part of the research community in hopes that many diseases will be cured in my lifetime. Even though there are people out there who don't believe that they are better off with the animal research that is conducted, I will always be grateful for the students' dedication to conducting research.

Thomas Willems  
Marcus, Iowa, resident

#### Taking issue with Elliot

Beau Elliot's latest column ("Thinning Social Security," Dec. 14) is political garbage like usual with no economic insight.

According to the Social Security Board of Trustees, Social Security will begin to run a deficit in 2018. Elliot writes, "Because of the trust fund, the program is fine now ..." What he doesn't tell you is that the trust fund has no actual money in it. Money collected from the current surplus is lent to the government in exchange for bonds. This money is then spent on general operations. The only thing the trust fund contains is IOUs. When the government wants to pay benefits from this trust fund, it will have to redeem the bonds and pay the interest on these bonds. The trust fund is an unfunded liability.

Over the past 70 years, stocks have returned an average of 7 percent a year after inflation. Compare that with Social Security's average return of a whopping 2 percent and dropping. This difference, compounded over a person's life, could double or triple her or his retirement savings. Creating significant wealth that can be passed to your children is bad?

An interesting side note is that African Americans are the most disadvantaged by Social Security. Harvard Professor Jeffrey Liebman, who also worked for the Clinton administration, found that African Americans "receive nearly \$21,000 less on a lifetime basis from Social Security's retirement program than whites with similar income and marital status."

This is what Elliot calls a big-government liberal program that works? He should go back to his Bush-bashing. "Cowboy in Chief" is comedic gold!

Curtis Scheetz  
Iowa City resident

#### Harris column rife with stereotypes

I'd like to commend Anthony Harris for attempting to "re-evaluate [his] stance" on feminism in his latest column ("Feminism, hate, and aging liberals," Dec. 13). Unfortunately, this re-evaluation is at best superficial and belies a continuing and dangerous attachment to stereotypes and poor logic.

Instead of challenging his own point of view, Harris merely forces square pegs into triangular holes, redefining feminism to fit his own agenda. In doing so, he fails to open himself to the challenges that a fuller understanding of feminism would pose to this agenda. Most notably, he concludes that feminism is a "key component" of the war on terror simply because the author of a book about Iraq reveals to him that "the suppression of women is the foundation of Islamofascism." A true understanding of feminism would reveal the untenable politics of domination that the war in Iraq represents.

Not only is this a gross exaggeration of feminism's "relationship" to the war on terror, but it also shows how desperately Harris must co-opt feminism in order to accept it. He also must belittle feminist efforts as uninfluential and conflate this multifaceted "movement" with all of his other ideological foes before allowing himself to recognize feminists as humans deserving of at least a basic level of respect.

Ultimately, how can Harris possibly accomplish any true "re-evaluation" when he fills over half of his column by rehashing tired stereotypes of feminists? To truly challenge himself, he should try to write a column free of stereotypes. After all, only by dropping this heavy weight can any of us come to a better understanding of our world, let alone change the minds of others. No class can possibly "teach" Harris what feminism is unless he can first leave his ideological baggage at the door.

Nikki Flores  
UI graduate student

#### Republicans: Take responsibility

Now that Donald Rumsfeld has announced that our soldiers in Iraq will have their tours of duty extended, I would hope that all the young Republicans who have graced this page with columns or letters to the editor will take the opportunity of winter break to perform a Christian act: Enlist in the armed forces and volunteer for duty in Iraq so that those soldiers with spouses and children can return home sooner.

Gary Sanders  
Iowa City resident

### ON THE SPOT

What's the best place around campus to study for finals?



"My homeland here in the Seaman's Center."

Ryan Asman  
UI junior



"Probably the business library."

Scott Garvey  
UI freshman



"I'd say my apartment, because my roommate keeps me on track."

Elana Levinson  
UI sophomore



"The Java House."

Nichole Lindquist  
UI sophomore

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# High ACT scores mean better retention

## REGENTS

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they admit definitely has an effect on the school's graduation rate," Diana Gonzalez, the board's assistant director of academic affairs.

Regents discussed at length the importance of the effect of state policy and admissions has on each school's graduation rates, but they said they needed much more time to make any changes.

"It's a complicated issue — take a long discussion and involve more than the regents' institutions; it would have to

involve how we're utilizing the community-college system," said UI Provost Michael Hogan, one of many officials to add input.

"Obviously, there's a lot of interest on this topic," said Regent Mary Ellen Becker, who suggested that the Iowa Conservation Education Council bring a proposal to the committee detailing a practical timeline.

"I'm very happy that this discussion has come up," Hogan said. He spoke to the regents about his involvement at his last employer, Ohio State University, where in the past 20 years the average ACT score has risen

from 21 to 26, and the institution has seen a correlating increase in the graduation rate.

"We're taking tuition money from these students, and they're gone in a year or less in some cases," he added. "[They're losing] not just tuition money but also their future."

Lola Lopes, the UI associate provost for undergraduate education, agreed that admissions guidelines needed a close review if regents want to improve graduation rates.

"There's no doubt whether having a broader range of students ... will bring our mean

graduation rate down," she said. The UI currently admits Iowa students if they are in the top 50 percent of their graduating class.

The university's average one-year retention rate has been almost 83 percent, higher than the national average of 73 percent.

The report the regents received said freshmen who entered with an ACT score of 22 or better had better retention and graduation rates than those with lower scores.

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# Award doesn't match request

## VERDICT

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had shown that simply lighting and restocking the fire was not the total cause of the fireball.

Neither J. Ric Gass nor Terry Abernathy, the attorneys for the bar and Kline, returned phone calls Wednesday.

"It was certainly within their purview to attribute fault," said attorney Nestor Lobodiak, Busche's local representative. "I may not agree with it, but I'd defer to the jury on that."

The answer to who was responsible for how much of the in-house blaze was not unanimous, with seven of eight jurors signing the verdict form. But jurors collectively agreed that Kline's stunt was a "willful and wanton disregard" for the safety of others, and Et Cetera should be held liable.

Urban declined to comment on why Et Cetera was assessed more punitive damages than Kline, who lit the flames.

Sixth District Judge Amanda Potterfield will have to confirm the amounts.

Wednesday's verdict marked the end of a contentious seven-day courtroom battle of debating and finger-pointing in efforts to identify the cause of Busche's burn injuries, spanning 13 percent of her body.

In the fire, Busche also suffered a torn shoulder ligament and broken nose when bar patrons tried to put out the flames by stomping on her burning body.

The Schaumburg, Ill., native accused Et Cetera and Kline of negligence for torching the high-proof grain alcohol in a crowded bar, injuring seven people. Three others sued the downtown hangout; their cases were settled out of court.

The jury's award did not match Busche's original request for \$2.1

million in compensatory and punitive damages, which attorney Mark McNabola earlier deemed "fair" for the "unreasonable" act.

"It was the fact that we didn't agree with the total amount of everything [the attorney] had asked for," Urban said.

Gass, while defending Kline and the bar, blasted Busche's alleged spitting as a "dumb" act that forced the popular stunt to go awry.

The defense used testimony from Maryland-based scientist Michael Klassen, who said spitting alcohol into the flames would be the only way of igniting a fireball and cause burns to the skin.

While Kline did not injure the hand with which he poured Everclear, Busche's mouth suffered blisters consistent with burning alcohol, Gass emphasized.

"It was all very compelling, and we tried to take it all into account," Urban said. "That's why the deliberation was so long, and we tried to go over everything."

The verdict added to Kline and the Et Cetera bar's batch of legal woes after both were prosecuted in criminal court for the fiery bar trick.

Kline filed an Alford plea to reckless use of fire, which means he does not admit guilt but realizes there may be enough evidence to convict him. He received probation and 100 hours of community service.

Meanwhile, the bar was fined \$500 after it was found guilty of violating city fire codes. Et Cetera is now under new ownership.

"We believe it was a very good jury that was very deliberative and very attentive throughout the trial," Lobodiak said. "We're appreciative of their efforts in giving seven days of their time in hearing this case."

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## 'It's the buoying up of your spirit'

### FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

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Foster said meals are often a problem for seniors living alone. Storing and preparing food for just one person isn't practical for people such as herself, she said, and she dislikes eating alone. Through the program, she eats one to two meals at Handicare, where she usually works twice the weekly requirement.

"It's a good interaction time with staff members and children," Foster said. "It's the buoying up of your spirit."

The local program is operating on a three-year federal grant; it

also profits from occasional donations. Handicare offers employees and volunteers an office and supplies in their facility.

Mandi Hoylman, who teaches a Handicare class of 4-year-olds, said the foster grandparents offer the children one-on-one attention that they don't often have. She said Foster, a retired daycare provider, makes the children feel special.

"When she walks in the room, they attack her," Hoylman said. "Their faces just light up; it's total happiness."

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## Grad to hire for Target

### THOMPSON

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After meeting with her again, the company offered her a job as an executive team leader for a group of Chicagoland stores. Starting in May, she'll work with hiring, training, and team development at one of the area's 12 stores.

She will graduate this month with a bachelor's degree in business management and organization. A top scholar in the business school, Thompson started college as a biology and pre-med major.

"I wanted to be a doctor, but after I took one business class, I loved it. I had to switch," she said.

The 22-year-old senior from Bartlett, Ill., has kept busy at the UI. A member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, Thompson filled five positions within the chapter and was named Senior of the Year. She used her skills in school as well, as the 2004 vice president of educational advancement on the Panhellenic Association.

"My favorite memory of college is being greek," she said. "I've met some really great people that I will never forget."

Close friend and fellow

Panhellenic member Kelly Trush described Thompson as a fun, hard worker.

"She's an inspiration to everyone she meets. Although I don't know about her driving," Trush added between giggles. "She claims she is only a bad driver when there are other people in her car, but I don't know."

Besides Thompson's leadership qualities, she is also fluent in French, plays the guitar, and is so obsessed with chocolate that she walked outside in the freezing weather this week to buy chocolate and strawberries. As for her guitar, lately she said she's played a lot of Coldplay, Sarah McLachlan, and Damien Rice.

Until she starts her job in May, Thompson plans to continue at Body and Balance in Iowa City and travel. She plans a cruise with her friends is planned for spring break, and hopes to save money for a trip to Paris.

Thompson said she will most miss the "family-like network of friends" at the UI.

"I've been crying lately about graduating ... I honestly think I'm going to miss everything," she said. "Except parking tickets, of course."

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## Concerns raised about cost to UI

### PERSONAL DATA

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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, commonly known as the Buckley Amendment, which ensures that only school officials with a "legitimate educational interest" may see a student's educational records.

Derek Willard, the UI associate vice president for Governmental Relations, said the university is seeking more information, but initial word

on the issue raised many concerns about the cost to the UI and legality.

"We'll have to see whether this would in fact violate the Buckley Amendment or not," he said.

If the Education Department's plan were to go into effect, it would likely be part of the five-year review of the Higher Education Act, which is expected to come under consideration in 2005, Willard said.

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NEWS

# Bomb targets Shiite cleric as Iraqis launch campaigns

BY PAUL GARWOOD  
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BAGHDAD — A bomb targeting a prominent Shiite cleric killed seven people outside one of southern Iraq's holiest shrines Wednesday as campaigning began for Iraq's first post-Saddam elections — a vote that is going ahead despite suicide attacks and assassinations by Sunni insurgents.

The attack in the heartland of Iraqi's majority Shiite population wounded the cleric, Sheik Abdul Mahdi al-Karbalayee; it was a stark reminder of the risks for the six-week campaign leading to a Jan. 30 vote for a 275-member National Assembly.

Unlike most Western countries, in which election campaigns kick off with media blitzes and rallies, there was little fanfare in Iraq, particularly in the capital, where many fear large gatherings in public places could be invitations for militant attacks.

The campaigning began as a government official said Saddam Hussein's notorious right-hand man, Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali," will be the first among 12 former regime members to appear at an initial investigative court hearing next week to face charges for crimes



Khalid Mohammed/Associated Press

A man hangs a close-up photograph of Iraq interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi on the wall for a media conference in Baghdad on Wednesday. Allawi officially joined the race for Iraqi prime minister.

allegedly committed during Saddam's 35-year dictatorship.

Formal indictments could be issued next month — just ahead of the elections.

On the final day of candidate registration, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite and Washington favorite, announced his 240-member list

of candidates, pitting him against the slate embraced by Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. AP writer Mariam Farn contributed to this story.

# 2004 fourth-hottest year on record, says U.N. weather agency

BY KEVIN GRAY  
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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — The year 2004, punctuated by four powerful hurricanes in the Caribbean and deadly typhoons lashing Asia, was the fourth-hottest on record, extending a trend since 1990 that has registered the 10 warmest years, a U.N. weather agency said Wednesday.

The current year was also the most expensive for the insurance industry in coping worldwide with hurricanes, typhoons, and other weather-related natural disasters, according to new figures released by U.N. environmental officials.

The release of the report by the World Meteorological Organization came as environmental ministers from some 80 countries gathered in Buenos Aires for a United Nations conference on climate change, looking at ways to cut down on greenhouse gases that most experts say contribute heavily to Earth's warming.

Scientists say a sustained increase in temperature change is likely to continue disrupting the global climate, increasing the intensity of storms, potentially drying up farmlands, and raising ocean levels, among other things.

Michel Jarraud, the World Meteorological Organization secretary-general, said the warming and increased storm activity could not be attributed to any particular cause but was part of a global warming trend that was likely to continue.

Scientists have reported that temperatures across the globe rose an average of 1 degree over the past century, with the rate of change since 1976 at roughly three times that over the past 100 years.

The World Meteorological Organization said it expects Earth's average surface temperature to rise 0.8 degrees above the normal 57 degrees Fahrenheit in 2004, adding this year to a recent pattern that included the four warmest years on record, with the hottest being 1998.

The month of October also registered as the warmest October since accurate readings began in 1861, said the agency, which is responsible for assembling data from meteorologists and climatologists worldwide.

During the summer, heat waves in southern Europe pushed temperatures to near-record highs in southern Spain, Portugal, and Romania, where thermostats peaked at 104 degrees while the rest of Europe sweltered through above-average temperatures.

WORLD

## Bus hijackers in Greece surrender

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Two armed men who hijacked a bus and threatened to blow it up surrendered just after midnight Wednesday and released their six remaining hostages.

All were shown on Greek television leaving the bus from the driver's door. Heavily armed police then searched the public bus, which had been hijacked about 18 hours before.

The two hijackers, believed to be Albanians, left the bus with their hands on their heads.

The hijackers had released 17 passengers earlier Wednesday. Relatives of the hostages, who were waiting in a nearby supermarket, ran up and hugged them.

One of the hijackers had earlier given authorities a deadline of just after dawn today to deliver a ransom of \$1.33 million or he threatened to blow up the bus.

The hijackers were armed with at least one pump-action shotgun, which they were seen firing out of a bus window. It remained unclear whether they actually had explosives.

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## Field House pool is a 77-year-old relic



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Swimmers exit the Field House pool after finishing an event during a meet on Nov. 12. The pool was built in 1927.

*'We feel we can make the Field House pool function for our entire program needs until 2008'* — HARRY OSTRANDER

### FOUR PART SERIES

UI Athletics Facilities  
Today: Swimming

BY BRYAN BAMONTE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Prior to a Dec. 5 showdown with Iowa State, three Iowa swimmers dived to the bottom of the Field House pool. It was not a quick tune-up; rather, it was a necessary

move to maintain an aging pool — the swimmers had to use jacks to prevent a bulkhead from collapsing.

The bulkhead, which separates the meet area of the pool from the warm-up area, is one of the pool's many problems.

"It is old, and so the jacks are used to make it a permanent bulkhead," said Harry Ostrander, the director of UI Recreational Services.

Built in 1927, the Field House pool is more antiquated than your grandparents' TV.

When you enter the pool area, your ears are assaulted with the vexing echoes of whistles and shouting. As you scan the walls, you will notice missing ceiling tiles and bare spaces above the pool.

SEE POOL, PAGE 6B



Weis

### NOTRE DAME

#### Coach targets surgeons after 2002 scare

BOSTON (AP) — Notre Dame-bound football coach Charlie Weis sued the doctors who performed the weight-loss surgery that nearly cost him his life two years ago, the *Boston Herald* reported Wednesday.

Weis, the New England Patriots' offensive coordinator, was in a coma for two weeks and was given last rites.

The gastric bypass surgery took place at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Weis is suing Dr. Charles Ferguson, Dr. Richard Hodin, Dr. Peter Lee, Dr. Sharon Stein, and Dr. Sutano Misra, the *Herald* reported. A medical malpractice tribunal that included a judge, attorney, and doctor recently ruled the case can go forward.

### NCAA B-BALL

#### Majerus accepts offer to coach Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rick Majerus will come out of retirement to coach Southern California's basketball team starting at the end of the season, but he will begin recruiting for the Trojans immediately.

He will fill the assistant's job vacated when Jim Saia was promoted to interim head coach after Henry Bibby was fired.

Although he will be active in recruiting, Majerus will not be on the bench for games, and he isn't expected to attend practices. He will take over as head coach April 1.

The former Utah coach, who retired last January in his 15th season with the Utes because of health reasons, was signed by USC on Wednesday.



Majerus  
new USC coach

## LSU's coach, Saban, talking with Dolphins

*But he is focused on the Capital One Bowl against Iowa on Jan. 1*

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU coach Nick Saban has talked to the Miami Dolphins about their vacant head-coach position.

In a statement issued by LSU on Wednesday, Saban described the talks as "a preliminary conversation with the Dolphins to exchange ideas about their head-coaching position."

"No decisions were made in this meeting, and they will continue their search for a coach," Saban said. "I will continue to be committed to LSU, our football program, and totally focused on our bowl game versus Iowa."

LSU (9-2) will meet Iowa (9-2) on Jan. 1 in the Capital One Bowl.

Dolphins President Eddie Jones said he and owner Wayne Huizenga met with Saban but did not divulge any other specific details on the meeting and, as did Saban, stressed that no choices have been made.

"In keeping with our policy to conduct this search with integrity, prior to speaking with Coach Saban, we did contact LSU interim Chancellor William Jenkins to inform him of our meeting," Jones said in a statement released by the team.



Saban  
LSU coach

Dolphins interim coach Jim Bates said he hasn't yet discussed the prospects of leading the team in 2005 with Huizenga but added that conversation will take place later this week.

Saban notified LSU in writing about the meeting with the Dolphins, said Athletics Director Skip Bertman. Bertman said Saban "has been forthright in his communication with the university about this, and I support him in any direction that he may take."

"We are all aware that other NFL teams have made overtures to him in the past, and he hasn't expressed any interest," Bertman said. "But this is one of the premier jobs in the NFL, and he owes it to his family and their future to hear what the Dolphins have to say."

Dave Wannstedt resigned as Miami coach in November after the Dolphins' 1-8 start and was replaced on an interim basis by defensive coordinator Bates — who speaks weekly with Huizenga but said earlier this week that the subject of him taking over on a permanent basis hasn't been broached.



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Crystal Smith dribbles around a Marquette defender on Dec. 9 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes are ranked 24th in the coaches' poll and are undefeated (8-0).

## 8-0 Hawks could go undefeated in nonconference play

BY RYAN LONG  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa women's basketball team is undefeated (8-0), with three nonconference games remaining before Big Ten play.

If the No. 24 Hawkeyes can defeat Drake, Western

Illinois, and Wisconsin-Milwaukee, they can enter the Big Ten season against Indiana on Dec. 30 unblemished for the first time since the 1993-94 season.

"I think that would be great for our basketball team. I think it's a great goal," said Iowa

coach Lisa Bluder. "Of the three games, two are on the road, and that makes it a little bit tougher. But at the same time, I think it's a real possibility. It's something that would give us tremendous confidence going into the Big Ten season."

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### TRIVIA

#### Do you know the answer?

Q. Who has the most NCAA Tournament appearances?

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TRIVIA ANSWER

Kentucky has appeared 46 times.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	11	.500	—
Boston	9	12	.429	1 1/2
Philadelphia	9	12	.429	1 1/2
New Jersey	7	14	.333	3 1/2
Toronto	8	16	.333	4
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	7	.708	—
Washington	12	8	.600	3
Orlando	13	9	.591	3
Charlotte	5	14	.263	9 1/2
Atlanta	4	18	.182	12
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	14	8	.636	—
Detroit	11	10	.524	2 1/2
Indiana	11	10	.524	2 1/2
Milwaukee	6	13	.316	6 1/2
Chicago	5	15	.250	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	5	.783	—
Dallas	15	9	.625	3 1/2
Houston	10	12	.455	7 1/2
Memphis	9	15	.375	9 1/2
New Orleans	2	19	.095	15
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	18	4	.818	—
Minnesota	14	8	.636	4
Denver	13	9	.591	5
Portland	10	11	.476	7 1/2
Utah	10	13	.435	8 1/2
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	19	3	.864	—
Sacramento	15	6	.714	3 1/2
L.A. Lakers	12	9	.571	6 1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	10	.524	7 1/2
Golden State	7	15	.318	12

Wednesday's Games

Denver 100, Boston 99
Miami 98, Washington 93
Cleveland 112, Portland 88
Toronto 96, Minnesota 90
Chicago 96, Memphis 88
Detroit 94, New York 93
New Orleans 98, Golden State 89
Houston 92, Atlanta 69
San Antonio 94, Orlando 91
Phoenix 108, Utah 86

Today's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	1	0	.923	365	217
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	290	192
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	297	231
Miami	2	11	0	.154	213	289
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	10	3	0	.769	454	277
Jacksonville	7	6	0	.538	220	228
Houston	3	8	0	.269	250	312
Tennessee	4	9	0	.308	269	343
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Pittsburgh	12	1	0	.923	290	190
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	270	205
Cincinnati	6	7	0	.462	296	307
Cleveland	3	10	0	.231	247	345
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	10	3	0	.769	370	262
Denver	8	5	0	.615	294	229
Kansas City	5	8	0	.385	390	364
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	244	363

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

y-Philadelphia	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	12	1	0	.923	357	195
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	223	267
Dallas	5	8	0	.385	249	355
Washington	4	9	0	.308	183	218
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	10	3	0	.769	267	252
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	269	264
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	257	234

New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	280	357
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	334	307
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	328	313
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	231	285
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	199	257
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	305	298
St. Louis	6	7	0	.462	260	325
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	220	284
San Francisco	2	11	0	.154	229	364

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Saturday's Games  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 12:30 p.m.  
Washington at San Francisco, 4 p.m.  
Carolina at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 19  
Houston at Chicago, Noon  
Minnesota at Detroit, Noon  
Seattle at N.Y. Jets, Noon  
Dallas at Philadelphia, Noon  
Buffalo at Cincinnati, Noon  
Dallas at Philadelphia, Noon  
San Diego at Cleveland, Noon  
St. Louis at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.  
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Green Bay, 3:15 p.m.  
Tennessee at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.  
Baltimore at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 20  
New England at Miami, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

American League  
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with LHP John Lannan on a one-year contract.  
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Acquired INF Keith Ginter from Milwaukee for RHP Justin Lehr and OF Nelson Cruz.  
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with 1B Richie Sexson on a four-year contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with INF Craig Counsell on a two-year contract.  
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Grady Little special assistant in player development and minor league roving catching instructor, and Randy Bush special assistant to the vice president and general manager.  
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP David Weathers and RHP Ben Weber on one-year contracts.  
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with OF Reggie Taylor on a minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Announced the retirement of Tommy Hawkins, vice president of external affairs.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

Agreed to terms with 3B Russell Branyan on a one-year contract and LHP Tommy Phelps on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS

Agreed to terms with RHP Pedro Martinez on a four-year contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Agreed to terms with C Einar Diaz and RHP Al Reyes on one-year contracts.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association  
BOSTON CELTICS—Placed F Tom Gugliotta on the injured list. Activated F Justin Reed from the injured list.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Placed G Antonio Burks on the injured list. Activated G Jason Williams from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League  
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released WR Reggie Newhouse and TE Lorenzo Diamond. Signed WR Lawrence Hamilton, LB Isaac Keys and DE Antonio Smith to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS—Placed LB Boss Bailey on injured reserve.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Ike Emodi to the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed DT Ifo Fili to the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed TE Billy Baber. Released DE Corey Smith. Signed TE Robert Johnson to the practice squad. Released DB Kalvin Pearson from the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed K John Hall on injured reserve. Signed K Jeff Chandler.

Sharapova emerges as teen business tycoon

BY BETH HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. — Maria Sharapova loves to shop, gossip with girlfriends, write, and pore over photos in glossy fashion magazines. But that's where similarities with other 17-year-olds end.

She emerged this year as one of the world's best tennis players, winning Wimbledon and carefully cultivating a lucrative endorsement portfolio whose worth puts a typical teenager's allowance to shame.

"One day I can be with my friend talking about the girliest, weird things, and the next day, I'm in a meeting talking about a deal or sponsorship or doing a photo shoot that are run by all adults who want my opinion," she told the Associated Press recently.

"I make the transition quite well. I always thought I'm more mature than other kids my age, but that's because of the sport I play and the business I'm in. If you're not mature, I don't know how you can accomplish what you do."

What Sharapova did this year was, in her words, "extraordinary." She rose to a career-high fourth in the year-end WTA rankings after starting at No. 32. She finished with a 55-15 match record, earned more than \$2.5 million in prize money and won five titles, including Wimbledon and the WTA Championships over Serena Williams.

Those results raised Sharapova's appeal to sponsors and fashion magazines, putting her among select female players who, like Williams, are in demand on and off the court.

Sharapova's Wimbledon victory triggered more than 300 requests for photo shoots.

"I've said 'No' more since July 3 than I've ever said in my life," her agent, Max Eisenbud, said.

"Knowing that we're only going to do a few deals gave us the luxury to really be selective. She has total control of her career on everything."

Sharapova's business is handled by approximately 20 people from her management company, IMG. They are stationed in the United States, Japan, Korea, and Europe to sift through offers. Time demands are a key consideration.

"If some stupid company offers you millions of dollars, but wants you to work 30 days a year, that's nonsense," she said.

Sharapova's off-court time is tightly structured. During the brief off-season, she might practice two hours several days a week in addition to two-hour fitness workouts.

She is schooled via the Internet. Her mother, Yelena, cuts her textbooks into sections, so Sharapova doesn't have to lug them around the world. She takes just three courses a year, doing homework a few times a week.

"I'm not really in a hurry," she said. "I've always sort of been learning by myself."

Then there are photo shoots, including one for the April issue of *Vogue*.

"What girl doesn't want that?" she said, smiling before popping a piece of shrimp tempura sushi in her mouth and sipping on green tea.

But don't expect Sharapova, who has lived in Florida since coming from Russia with her father when she was 9, to mimic Williams' many pursuits.

"I don't feel I can achieve two things at once," she said. "I have so many worries on the court and things I need to be working on, and I need rest."

Sharapova's newest deal is ambassador for TAG Heuer, maker of timepieces that retail for thousands of dollars.

Marion Jones sues BALCO founder

'I think she made her decision, and she's going to have to be accountable to the consequences of her decision. If she said she didn't use drugs, then she lied.'

— Victor Conte,  
BALCO founder, on ABC's "20/20"

BY DAVID KRAVETS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Olympic track star Marion Jones filed a defamation lawsuit Wednesday against BALCO head Victor Conte, who told a national TV audience that he gave her steroids and watched her inject herself with them.

Jones is seeking \$25 million in the suit, alleging Conte tarnished her reputation when he made the statement Dec. 3 on ABC's "20/20."

Conte and three others connected to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative were indicted in February by a federal grand jury for a variety of alleged offenses, including illegally distributing steroids.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, said Jones passed a lie-detector test and includes a statement from her doctor saying she never used steroids. Jones won three gold medals and two bronzes during the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia.

Conte's statements, the suit said, "are false and malicious."

A telephone call placed Wednesday to Conte's lawyer, Robert Holley, was not immediately returned.

Conte, BALCO Vice President James Valente, track coach Remi Korchemny, and Greg Anderson, the personal trainer for baseball slugger Barry Bonds, face federal indictment on a range of accusations.

The federal charges include distributing steroids, possession of human growth hormone, money laundering, and misbranding drugs with intent to defraud. All have pleaded not guilty.

Conte told ABC: "I think she made her decision, and she's going to have to be accountable



Susan Ragan/Associated Press

Sprinter Marion Jones bites her lip as she addresses the media during a news conference in San Francisco on June 16. Jones filed a defamation lawsuit Wednesday against the man whose company is at the center of a federal probe into illegal steroid use among top athletes.

to the consequences of her decision. If she said she didn't use drugs, then she lied."

Jones' lawsuit says she has passed 160 drug tests, including five at the 2000 Olympics, and "has never taken banned performance-enhancing drugs."

It claims that Conte's motive to concede steroid distribution ahead of his criminal prosecution "appears motivated by a desire to curry favor with prosecutors, garner sensationalized media attention, bolster Conte's own financial and other self interests, and harm an individual against whom Conte has a long-standing grudge."

The five attorneys representing Jones in the lawsuit wrote that Conte "seeks to take full credit for



Paul Sakuma/Associated Press

BALCO founder Victor Conte holds up an autographed photo of track star Marion Jones in his office in Burlingame, Calif., on Oct. 21.

all of her past successes, falsely asserting that Jones' five Olympic medals in 2000 were the product of his illegal drug regimen instead of Jones' true talent."

Jones failed to win any medals at last summer's Athens Olympics. She has been under investigation for months by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which has said it will take Conte's allegations into account.

The founder of Burlingame-based BALCO, Conte said he worked with Jones from August 2000 to September 2001. He said he designed a doping regimen for her that included the previously undetectable steroid THG, the endurance-enhancing hormone EPO, human growth hormone, and insulin.

Following Conte's comments, the International Olympic Committee opened an investigation into the allegations. World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick

Pound, a senior IOC member, has said Jones should be stripped of her medals if Conte is telling the truth.

In the lawsuit, one of the track star's doctors said she never exhibited the physical signs of an athlete taking banned substances.

None of the numerous blood and urine tests performed on her registered positive for illegal drugs, nor were there any "physical changes or abnormalities that caused me to suspect that Ms. Jones was using any type of illegal performance-enhancing drugs," said Richard Ferro, a North Carolina sports medicine specialist.

A former FBI polygraph examiner said he tested Jones on June 16 about whether she ever used performance-enhancing drugs or was lying about "any personal use of performance-enhancing drugs."

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# Manning's receivers joke about record TD

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning was ready for the questions he didn't want to answer Wednesday. He looked down, shook his head, and politely tried to change the subject.

Nothing worked. Nothing will until he breaks Dan Marino's record for touchdown passes.

"I feel uncomfortable talking about it," Manning said. "I'm humbled to be in this situation because I have so much respect for all quarterbacks, whether it's Marino or Y.A. Tittle."

Manning needs three more TD passes to break Marino's single-season mark of 48, and he hopes it comes Dec. 19, when the Indianapolis Colts face Baltimore, just so he can concentrate on more important tasks, such as making a Super Bowl run.

For now, Manning's teammates are embracing the discussion.

Colts receivers debated publicly Wednesday which TD catch they considered more important — No. 49 or the last TD pass Manning throws this season — and whether they would give Manning the record-breaking ball.

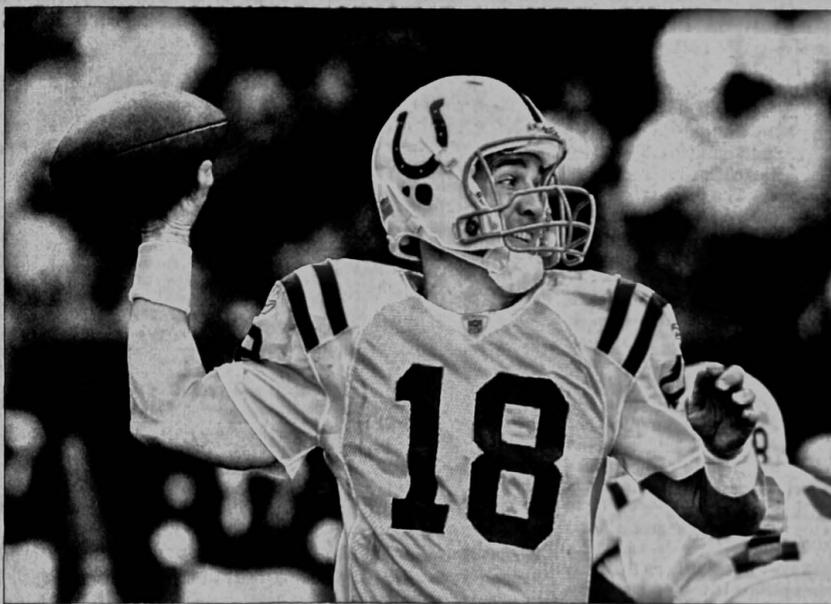
"If it's my 10th and his 49th, that's a tough decision right there," wide receiver Brandon Stokley joked. "Maybe there will be some negotiations going on. I'll have the ball, so we'll have to see."

Manning never wanted it to be this way.

His conference call with the Baltimore media was dominated by questions about the record. Then, for the second-straight week, he responded to an unusually large media contingent that peppered him with more questions about the same thing.

For the unflappable Manning, last year's co-MVP, it was almost too much.

So players such as Stokley and tight end Marcus Pollard tried to lighten the moment by



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Indianapolis Colt quarterback Peyton Manning throws a pass against the Houston Texans on Sunday in Houston. Manning needs three more touchdown passes to break Dan Marino's NFL single-season touchdown-pass record.

talking about the internal competition for the record-breaking catch.

"If I catch it, I may be lined up for the extra point still holding the ball," Pollard said. "To me, 49 is the bigger deal. Forty-eight ties the record, but 49 is something special."

Running back Edgerrin James has joked that if he catches No. 49, Manning won't even have a chance to add it to his trophy case. He said he'd sell it on eBay, something Stokley said he'd consider, too, if he ran into hard times.

The way this season has gone, anybody could catch it.

Five-time Pro Bowler Marvin Harrison leads the team with 13 TD catches, while Reggie Wayne has a career-high 11, and Stokley has nine. Stokley's next touchdown catch would give the Colts another distinction — the first team in league history to have three receivers

with at least 10 touchdowns each.

Pollard has six touchdown receptions, two short of his career-high, Dallas Clark has five, and James has scored eight times — all on runs. Even James Mungro has caught two touchdowns.

But the politicking is just heating up.

"I think the historical importance will be his last one because the guys who try to break his record, they'll be talking about that one," Stokley said. "Five years from now, nobody is going to remember who caught No. 49."

On Wednesday, Manning tried to shift the focus.

He talked about how his father influenced him to live in the same city in which he played, what he's seen from his brother, Eli, this season, even what people remember from Mark McGwire's quest

to break Roger Maris' home-run record.

But Manning tried to bob and weave from the most pointed questions, saying he didn't want a ceremony, and even played down the significance of retrieving the record-breaking ball.

"I don't know who gets to keep it or how that works. I've really not gotten that far," he said. "The receivers keep their balls. I've thrown 46, and I have none of those, I guarantee it."

To Manning, the biggest relief will come when the record actually falls.

Perhaps then, he can move forward by ending these weekly soliloquies, and even Manning's teammates want that to happen.

"Every week it keeps lingering," Stokley said. "More and more people are asking about it, and I know he wants it out of the way. But it would be kind of a cool thing to catch the ball, with all the hoopla surrounding it."

# Fans learning to make do without NHL

BY JIM LITKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NHL is disappearing right before our eyes, and the reason is simple.

Almost nobody has a dog in this fight.

You expect fans to lose interest whenever billionaires battle millionaires — but not to the extent they have in the dogfight between the NHL and players over a new collective-bargaining agreement.

More than half the Americans polled by the *Hockey News* were surprised to learn the league hasn't even opened for business this season. That number is considerably lower north of the border, but even there — if you take much-traveled pro and amateur comedian Brett Hull at his word — fans are learning to make do without the NHL.

The Phoenix Coyotes star turned up on the "Weekend Update" segment of "Saturday Night Live" and was asked, as a Canadian, what he thought about the recent landmark ruling by Canada's Supreme Court that gay marriage was constitutional.

"That's what happens in Canada when there's no hockey," Hull said. "Guys have more time to hang out, talk about their feelings — next thing you know, they're in love with each other."

"I've got nothing against it," he added, "but I'd rather be playing hockey."

Chances that Hull will get his wish any time soon took a serious hit Tuesday. After months of avoiding each other like a rash, the second negotiating session between management and labor in a week lasted just 3½ hours. Commissioner Gary Bettman didn't find the words "salary cap"

anywhere in the proposal from the players' union, inserted them in a counterproposal, and handed it back an hour later. The players reacted to that addition pretty much the way they always have.

"Put simply," union chief Bob Goodenow said, "our proposal provides the basis for a negotiated agreement. The NHL's does not."

Afterward, both sides retreated to their corners and resumed praying for a bolt of lightning to strike the other.

When Bettman took the job as commissioner fresh off a stint as NBA boss David Stern's right-hand man, few people took seriously his pledge to put hockey on an equal footing with the other major team sports. And if the work stoppage careens out of control a little longer, Bettman will have surpassed Major League Baseball, the NFL, and the NBA — just not in the way he, or anyone else, envisioned.

Pro hockey is on the verge of becoming the first North American sports league to cancel a full season because of a labor dispute. By this point in previous negotiations, fans would have chosen sides, with the resulting public pressure forcing one or the other — or both — to make meaningful concessions. The only thing apathy has done is make both sides more cynical.

On its face, the players' latest move was impressive. It proposed to roll back salaries by 24 percent, throw in a luxury tax and revenue sharing, lower the cap on entry-level contracts and bonuses, and provide arbitration. Under it, third-line centers wouldn't be making \$9 million a year, and the New Jersey Devils' payroll wouldn't be \$60 million but closer to \$46 million.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### 4 Oregon State players to miss Insight Bowl

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Four suspended Oregon State players won't be reinstated to play in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28 against Notre Dame.

Coach Mike Riley announced that Joe Rudolph, Brent Bridges, Anthony Wheat-Brown, and Whitfield Usher cannot practice with the team as it prepares for the bowl game in Phoenix.

The suspensions stem from two separate incidents at the Headline Café in Corvallis, including an assault on an Oregon National Guardsman.

Bridges, an offensive guard, played in all 11 regular-season games, while Rudolph played in nine games as a reserve defensive end. Usher, an offensive lineman, did not play this season.

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SPORTS

# Expos' move to Washington on verge of collapse

BY RONALD BLUM  
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NEW YORK — Washington's new baseball team shut down business and promotional operations indefinitely Wednesday as its move to the nation's capital teetered on the brink of collapse.

The decision by Major League Baseball followed the District of Columbia Council's decision Tuesday night to require private financing for at least half the cost of building a new stadium. The September agreement to move the Montreal Expos to Washington called for a ballpark fully financed by government money.

"Yes, I think baseball is now in jeopardy," Mayor Anthony Williams said.

A previously scheduled news conference to unveil new uniforms was called off, and fans who bought tickets to watch the renamed Nationals next season at RFK Stadium can get refunds, said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

Baseball will not resume talks with other cities until after Dec. 31, the deadline in the agreement for Washington to put a

ballpark-financing law in place.

"In the meantime, the club's baseball operations will proceed, but its business and promotional activities will cease until further notice," DuPuy said.

He did not address where the team would play its 2005 home schedule if the deal with Washington falls through. It remains unclear whether baseball would move the franchise to RFK Stadium on a temporary basis, remain at Montreal's Olympic Stadium, or go to another city.

Williams had signed the deal nearly three months ago, and he publicly celebrated the return of major league baseball to Washington, which hasn't had a team since 1971.

"We had a deal. I believe the deal was broken, and the dream of 33 years is now once again close to dying. I would say close," Williams said at a news conference Wednesday.

Council Chairwoman Linda Cropp proposed the amendment, which was approved 10-3 after she threatened to withhold support from the overall package, which then passed in a 7-6 vote.

"I am not trying to kill the deal," she said. "I'm putting

some teeth in it because I'm really disappointed with what I got from major league baseball."

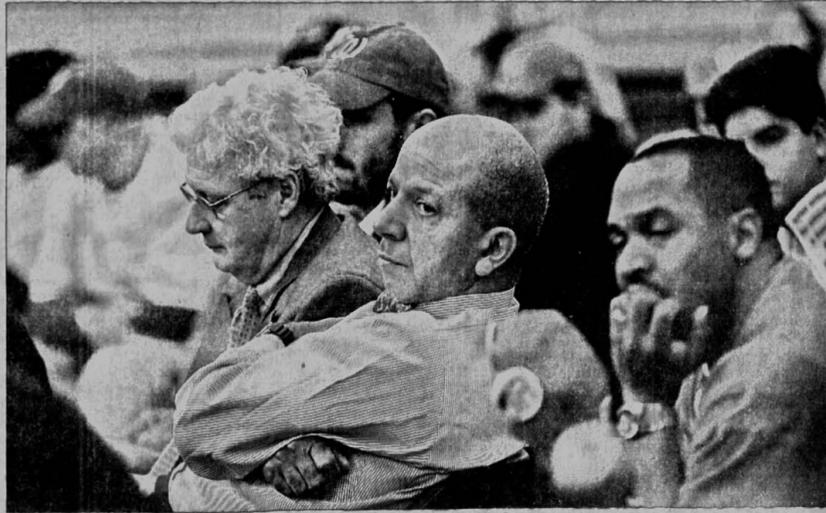
The September agreement estimated the cost of building the ballpark and refurbishing RFK Stadium at \$435 million, but critics claimed it would cost far more. The proposal, as initially approved by the council on Nov. 30, called for Washington to issue up to \$531 million in bonds to cover the cost.

"I am very confident that we are going to be able to work through this and that we will have baseball here," said Councilor Jack Evans, who supported Williams on the original financing plan.

Some of the communities that had lost out in the bidding for the team prepared to resume their efforts to lure the franchise.

"I don't think we've ever stopped," Norfolk group head Will Somerindyke Jr. said. "We always wanted to keep this area an option. If the opportunity arises for the Expos again, we are going to be standing there along with everyone else."

"Whether we could get something done by next year, I think that's a stretch," he added. "It would be very, very tough."



Washington Mayor Anthony Williams (center), and D.C. Sports Commission Chairman Mark Tuohey (left) look on as the D.C. City Council debates stadium-finance legislation for the return of Major League Baseball to Washington on Tuesday.

Somerindyke's organization has returned the deposits it collected on nearly 10,000 season tickets and almost 100 luxury boxes during its drive to get the

Expos. He didn't think it would be difficult to get those deposits back. Officials in Portland, Ore., were uncertain how to interpret the developments.

"We need to wait to see how Major League Baseball assesses this so we can respond," said Drew Mahalic of the Oregon Sports Authority.

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SPORTS

# Women's basketball to go undefeated

**BASKETBALL**

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To achieve this goal, the Hawkeyes will have to make it happen against some steady nonconference players. They will face off in an emotional battle on Saturday at Drake (5-2), where Bluder coached for 10 years.

From there, Iowa will host Western Illinois (4-4) on Dec. 21, and, after a seven-day layoff, the Hawkeyes will travel to the Cheese State to take on Wisconsin-Milwaukee (4-6). It's unlikely that Bluder and her staff will look past this matchup: Wisconsin-Milwaukee gave instate rival Marquette a solid challenge before dropping a heart-breaker, 74-66, on Nov. 20. Iowa defeated Marquette, 78-72, on Dec. 8.

Hawkeye junior guard Crystal Smith says none of the matchups will be ignored by her or her teammates.

"I think they're very important because you want to win all the big games," she said. "But going into a game, you can't have the big head thinking that you're undefeated and, 'Oh we're going to win the rest of our games.' You have to have that mentality like, 'We're going in, we're going to play our best, we're going to get better each game, and that's all we can hope for.'"

Smith's competitive philosophy is similar to her head coach's.

"You always just look at one game at a time, obviously, and Drake is our focus," Bluder said. "But I think that all of us look at it and say, 'It's a real possibility for that to happen.'"

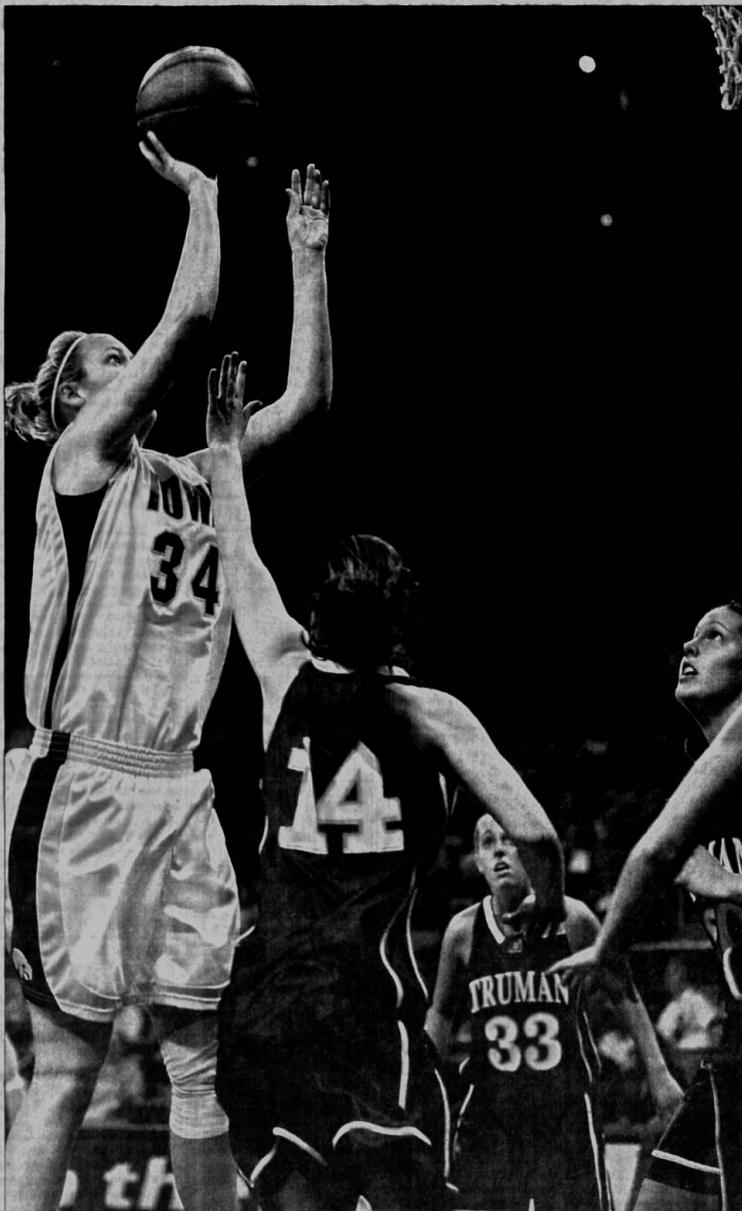
Smith sees the opportunity to finish the nonconference season undefeated as a great way to bring momentum to the Big Ten action.

"I think you always want to be undefeated going into your conference play," she said. "It's a great confidence boost level for us, and I think that we have a chance of going into the Big Ten conference being undefeated. And that'll do us a great deal."

Senior guard Jenna Armstrong sees the opportunity as one that could pay off in preparation for making a bid for an NCAA Tournament berth.

"It would feel really good," she said. "Last year, I don't think our nonconference season was as good as it [could have been], and obviously, when it came NCAA Tournament time, we were sitting on the bubble. This year, if we can keep it up and finish the nonconference season really well, hopefully, we won't be facing that pressure when it comes to NCAA Tournament time."

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Hawkeye Johanna Solverson shoots on Nov. 11 against Truman State. If Iowa wins its next three games, it will be undefeated going into the Big Ten season for the first time since the 1993-94 season.

Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

# 77-year-old pool still in use

**POOL**

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"The acoustical ceiling tiles that were occasionally falling into the pool have all been removed," Ostrander said. "That has alleviated the danger of being hit by a ceiling tile falling but has made for a noisier pool."

The 77-year old facility has undergone refurbishing numerous times, including the most recent a few years ago when the pool was losing water.

"The leak was fixed a few years ago," Ostrander said. "We were losing 20,000 gallons of water per day."

Because of the leak, the university has refrained from draining the pool because officials fear it may cause more damage.

"We're afraid that if we drain the pool, it may shift, causing the pool to leak again," Ostrander said.

Shifting? Is the pool sitting on tectonic plates?

Well, not quite, but should there be a mishap, the swimming program and the university would be down one pool — one too many.

"Currently, it is functioning fine," Ostrander said. "But because of its age and old filtration system, we are always concerned that, should we have a major problem, we have no other university pool to relocate programs."

However, "functioning fine" doesn't necessarily mean it is the most-sanitized system. The pool hasn't been drained in years, leading to an on-the-go cleaning process.

"All our maintenance is done with the water in the pool," Ostrander said. "This has worked fine, and we have been able to meet all state regulations."

For women's head swimming coach Marc Long, the

inefficiencies mandate that the program tread water until the new facilities are built in 2008.

"Obviously, the facility is one of the key components to a successful program," he said.

And because the pool is in the condition it is, fully utilizing it is hindered.

"We can no longer move the bulkhead easily, and so we cannot use the pool for long course training," Ostrander said. "But that is something we can live with until the new pool comes online."

"Providing that we don't run into a major problem with the filtration system, we feel we can make the Field House pool function for our entire program needs until 2008. Once the new pool opens, we will be taking the old pool offline, and the proposed use of that space is to move the Fitness Loft operations into the old pool space."

Plans for the new pool have not been completed, but initial requests include a 50-meter pool with bulkhead, a separate diving pool with diving towers, bleacher seating for up to 1,000 spectators, spa facilities for general student use, and a small leisure pool.

Ostrander believes the incorporation of those features will put the university on par with most Big Ten schools.

Once constructed, the new facilities should give the swimming program an important asset as well as leverage in the recruiting wars.

"It not only will allow us a place to train effectively, but it will give us a place to hold junior-style national meets that will bring thousands of recruit-athletes and parents to our university," Long said.

So, for now, officials might say a prayer, because four years can't come soon enough.

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# Mets complete \$53 million deal with Pedro

BY RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Pedro Martinez, welcome to New York. Martinez passed his physical Wednesday, and the Mets completed their \$53 million, four-year contract with the pitcher they hope will take them to the postseason.

The Mets scheduled a news conference for Shea Stadium today to introduce Martinez, who turned down a \$40.5 million, three-year offer from the Boston Red Sox and told his agent Monday to work out a deal with New York.

The total guaranteed value of his contract was obtained by the Associated Press from a baseball official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Martinez, a 33-year-old right-hander, has had shoulder problems at times. He had a physical in New York and passed it, Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said.

Earlier, at a children's holiday benefit at Shea Stadium, Mets general manager Omar Minaya avoided questions about the agreement. Dressed in a red turtleneck shirt with a Mets' blue and orange Santa hat in his hand, he said the team generally asks all players with a history of injury to have an MRI exam, saying an exception would be "pretty rare."

New Mets manager Willie Randolph played with Martinez's older brother, Ramon, with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Randolph remembered Pedro as a young kid coming up in the Los Angeles organization.

During parts of his seven seasons in Boston, Martinez often was allowed to arrive at the ballpark later than other players and to take extended vacations during the All-Star break. Randolph plans to speak with Martinez about rules.

"You don't have a lot of rules, but there are certain things that everyone has to abide by," Randolph said. "You can't have a different set of rules for different people."

Martinez went 16-9 with a career-high 3.90 ERA last year, when the Red Sox won their first World Series title since 1918, and was 11-7 during seven seasons with Boston.

Minaya said the Mets next will try to add offense, focusing on first base and right field, as they try to reach the playoffs for the first time since losing the 2000 World Series to the Yankees.

Mike Cameron, dressed as Santa Claus as he gave out Christmas presents to children, was at first surprised about Martinez's decision to sign with the Mets.

"I don't know the situation, but when it's all said and done, Pedro is a fierce competitor,"

Cameron said. "The guy's been a winner, and he's been a great adversary. He'd be a great addition to the New York Mets."

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### MODERN DECOR

Pictured: record bowl, coffee can shelf, LP cover box, and express yourself magnets.



### FRISKY FASHION

Pictured: Jasmine Holiday models pants-to-skirt, slogan T-shirt, and piecework felt scarf.

### CHAI MIX

for the caffeine addict

**Materials:** 1 14-ounce can unsweetened condensed milk, 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom, 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice, 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves, 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper.  
**Instructions:** Mix all together in clean, dry jar, and cover tightly. Give with black tea and instructions (stir two to three tablespoons into a cup of hot black tea).

### CALENDAR

for the forgetful friend

**Materials:** paper, yarn, paper hole punch. Using Internet, get 12 themed images of something friend would want to look at for one year. Paste or print onto 1/4 sheets of paper. On other side, make the calendar for the appropriate month, drawing all the boxes and writing in the numbers/days of the week. Punch holes into sheets, put into correct order, and tie together with yarn to create complete calendar.

### RELAXATION RICE SOCK

for the stressed out

**Materials:** large sports sock, rice.  
**Instructions:** Pour rice into sock and sew or tie off end. Microwave for 1 to 2 minutes and put on back of neck when sore or stressed. Let soothing of muscles begin.  
**Optional:** Mix contents of a sachet — lavender is best for relaxation — into rice before pouring into sock for a sweet-smelling escape.

### TIME TO RELAX

Pictured: relaxation rice sock, surprise soap, hanging jar lantern, and glass mosaic votive holders.



### CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Pictured: Collage journal, calendar, ribbon memento board, and flower pen with holder

### PIECEWORK FELT SCARF

for the perpetually cold

**Materials:** approximately 15 pieces of pre-cut felt, hot glue and hot glue gun, scissors  
**Instructions:** It helps to think of the game Tetris before making this scarf. Cut squares and rectangles from numerous colors of felt. Overlap the edges, and glue together until scarf is desired length.

### SURPRISE SOAP

for the clean and fun-loving

**Materials:** 1 bar of clear glycerin soap, small toy  
**Instructions:** Melt soap in microwave-safe bowl for 1 minute in microwave. Using a small yogurt container or other plastic container, fill with glycerine. Allow to set for 1 hour in refrigerator before adding toy. Let set. Cut away container.

### HANGING JAR LANTERN

for the decorator

**Materials:** clear jar, wire, decorative materials  
**Instructions:** Bend one piece of wire around jar opening. Loop another wire around sides and base of jar and twist to attach to first wire. Form ends into hook for hanging by twisting together. Use dried flowers or beads to decorate.



### THE TRIALS OF GETTING CLOSER

This star-studded film features a critique of romance where relationships are like a sad game of musical chairs, and no one wins. SEE 4C

### SLOGAN T-SHIRT

for the activist

**Materials:** plain T-shirt, iron on paper, iron.  
**Instructions:** Think of cool political slogans. On computer, create slogan design and print onto iron-on paper. If you're feeling extra creative, pick up some iron-on letters or use stencils and a clothing marker.

### COFFEE CAN SHELF

for the one with everything

**Materials:** tin cans in various sizes, colored paper, glue  
**Instructions:** Clean cans. Cover outside with rectangles of colored paper. Cut out circle of paper and glue to bottom of cans. Arrange in the shape of the shelf. Use industrial-strength adhesive to glue cans together. Allow one hour to dry.

### PANTS-TO-SKIRT

for the fashionista

**Materials:** old pants, thread, scrap fabric, safety pins  
**Instructions:** Cut legs of pants off at desired skirt length. Cut along inside seams of each leg to separate. Sew front and back seams together halfway down length. Cut triangle of fabric and pin between seams. Stitch together.

### DECK THE HALLS

Despite constant evolution, the Hall Mall remains a site for unique new shops, such as the Low Brow Café. SEE 2C

FOR MORE GIFT IDEAS, SEE PAGE 5C

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT | 80 HOURS

# Where everyone is cool with your quirks

BY ARNA WILKINSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Only in the Hall Mall can a person get a tattoo, a cup of coffee and some vintage records. With the recent addition of the **LOW BROW CAFÉ**, the Hall Mall continues to draw in free-spirits.

Welcome to the place where it's possible to get a tattoo, purchase a 50-cent cup of coffee, and rummage through vintage records all within few feet.

The catch? You have to find it first.

The Hall Mall, 114½ College St., is tucked up on the second floor of the same building as College Street Billiards Club & Deli. The eclectic mix of locally owned stores has endured a turbulent past, catering to counterculture interests and creating a unique environment for more than 20 years. After a fire in 2002, the mall lost many of its tenants. It is now experiencing a revival with new businesses that have opened in the past month.

Through the discreet street-level glass door, heavy-metal music blares from mounted speakers on a narrow staircase. Up at the top, a lit up sign glowing like beacon proclaims that the Hall Mall is open. The historical hallway opens up beyond that, the fluorescent lights revealing the scars of the creaky wood floor in a building dating back to the 1890s. It is easy to see why this place is rumored to be haunted by ghosts.

Originally home to dental, legal, and realty offices, the mall now serves less traditional interests — stores include Davey Jones' Locker Custom Tattoos, Rusty Records Used Vinyl, the Konnexion Smoking Accessories, and Ebony Affairs Hair Styles and Extensions. Couches, tables, and chairs have been crammed into the back of the hallway outside the premier Hall Mall coffee shop, the Low Brow Café.

Downstairs, working behind the bar at the College Street Billiards Club & Deli, Lew Converse, who has owned the building for five years, said the mall has been a place for innovation without a huge financial risk for entrepreneurs. Tenants can lease the tiny rooms that dot

the hallway for \$250 a month. "A lot of people start businesses up there," he said. "It is kind of like an incubator for the guy who doesn't have a lot of money but wants to try out an idea."

Several stores that originated in the mall, including Daydreams comic-book store, now at 112 E. Washington St., have been successful and moved to larger spaces. Others, such as the piercing, tattoo, and smoking accessories stores, remain the backbone of the mall. Despite failure or fortune, Converse, who grew up in Iowa City,

said the space always draws free-spirited people.

Back upstairs in the mall, the Low Brow Café is the nucleus of activity. The place opens at 8 a.m. every day except Sunday and Monday. With a Kinks record playing the background, café owner Nate Miller is warming up his percolator to serve customers fresh coffee in mismatched mugs. Dressed in a pink polo shirt and yellow cardigan, he blends in perfectly with his bright surroundings. The walls of his small shop are painted blue and yellow, featuring

paintings by local artist Robot 108. His self-built kitchen counter takes up most of the space, but there is still room for a collection of vintage shirts, a fake wood record console, and kitschy thrift-store furniture that spills out into the hallway. Parasols cover the harsh ceiling lights, softening their glow.

A culinary renaissance man with a crock pot and a heated griddle, Miller will whip up homemade soup, cereal, peanut butter and jelly or grilled cheese sandwiches for patrons.

"I always dreamed of owning

a café," he said. "I wanted to make a place in Iowa City that I would want to hang out in. If I can make a living sitting around, talking to my friends, drinking coffee, and listening to records, then I'll be happy."

It took him almost a month to get the café ready, throwing out the garbage that filled the 11-by-13 foot room and modifying it to fit his needs. It has now been open for almost three weeks.

Sitting outside the café on a worn couch, customers Chad Blanchard and Tim Key are enjoying cigarettes

and coffee, drawn by the unpretentious atmosphere.

"This place has a lot of good memories in it," Key said. "It has a lot of potential to draw in the local crowd."

Blanchard agrees. "The name low-brow — I'm low-brow, for fuck's sake," he chimes in.

Many of the café customers are other store owners, adding to quirky intimacy that the mall thrives on.

Toward the front of the hallway, Davey Jones, the owner of the 3-year-old tattoo shop, is also busy designing a sign for the new Ebony Affairs beauty store. He is in the process of completing giant drawings on the walls of the staircase, hoping to attract more customers.

"This is a microcosm of Iowa City," he said. "It's for people who don't want to have 9-5 jobs, for artists and musicians."

Through a beaded curtain off Jones' shop is the Konnexion, a smoking-accessory and vintage-clothing store owned by Kelly Stucker. The UI alum was a customer of the store in its previous incarnation as Mood Mystic, getting her ears pierced there when she was 15. Those memories brought her back to the store after she graduated from college.

Bill Francis, the owner of Atomic Body Piercing next door, has worked at the mall for 10 years and remembers Stucker hanging out.

"People who were once customers are now shop owners," he said. "The Hall Mall really goes in phases. It dies and goes back, dies and goes back."

Tenants are all hopeful that this resurgence will last, with a bicycle shop, an artist's studio, and a Wicca store all in different phases of preparing for opening.

But for Francis, the most important factor in keeping the Hall Mall alive is the link among customers, store owners, and the alternative culture of Iowa City.

"There really is a sense of community here," he said. "We help one another out."

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The owner of the Low Brow Café, Nate Miller (left), chats with customer Grant Brown on Dec. 11. Located in the Hall Mall, the space provides a unique niche for Iowa City coffee aficionados.

## 'Tis the season of irritated parents and their snarling little brats

BY AUDRA BEALS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Far too many stories this time of year dwell on the goodness of humanity and the magic of the holiday season.

I can't be the only one who finds these cheerful themes nauseating as I frantically attempt to finish papers and cram in all the reading I put off for weeks.

David Sedaris' refreshingly cynical humor toward the holidays in *The Santaland Diaries* provides welcome relief from commercialized merriment and all the warm, idealistic, and

entirely unrealistic images of joy and harmony that go along with it.

The play rejects the clichés that characterize holiday stories with a harsh, yet hilarious, look at the season and some of the darker aspects of our behavior that emerge during all of its madness.

The production by the City Circle Acting Company of Coralville is not just for those who find their goodwill in short supply. Sedaris' brutal honesty in *The Santaland Diaries* would amuse any theatergoer.

The one-man play focuses on an aspiring actor who takes a

job as an elf at Macy's. Iowa City actor Tim Budd performs the role spectacularly, showing not the slightest hint of weakness during the 70 minutes that he occupies the small studio-theater stage.

Choosing the completely un-Christmasy name of "Crumpet," this elf doesn't have the patience, or peppiness, to humor

the whims of the many Santas and unruly shoppers.

The monologue is loaded with sarcasm as he recounts his experiences with demanding parents and their screaming children. Upon one mother's request, he creates an elaborate threat detailing what Santa does to naughty children, and the Billie Holiday-

style rendition of "Away in a Manger" he gives in response to the demands of one particularly exasperating Santa Claus is also entertaining.

This is one play that puts all those other sappy holiday shows to shame. It's short and just the laugh you need after finals.

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### THE SANTALAND DIARIES

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# Public Space One ready to make like the phoenix

The creators of the nonprofit entity Public Space One were unable to stay true to their vision after many of their volunteers graduated. But co-founder Spencer Griffin and other volunteers are working to reopen the space.

BY PETER MADSEN  
THE DAILY IOWAN

In recent months, student playwrights, poets, actors, and painters have been scratching their collective heads, wondering, "What happened to Public Space One?"

Closed since late-October, Public Space One, located above the Deadwood Tavern, 6 S. Dubuque St., had served local artists as an all-accepting venue replete with a stage, studio, wall space, and audience since its inception in 2002.

The closing, which co-founder Spencer Griffin promises is only temporary, was the result of the departure of recently graduated volunteers. Even though a few fresh faces did later pop up in the fall, the annual turnover left the staff members unable to maintain the nonprofit entity true to their vision — so they closed its doors in order to revamp the space in the hopes of reopening in the spring of 2005.

Griffin and volunteers have been toying with ways of best utilizing the interior. Ideas include expanding the stage, installing dry wall to better hang art, and replacing worn furnishings and carpet.

In addition to an aesthetic overhaul, the troupe is reworking the staff structure to ensure that people don't become bogged down.

Public Space One volunteer Shannon Thomas recently held two task-force meetings to help determine the facility's long-term direction.

Staff members agreed that the staff should ideally consist of eight to 12 dedicated people who, as Thomas said, "can meet every week and ... take on the task-force ideas and make them a reality."

Griffin said staff chemistry is vital. "We need a committed group of people to come and say, 'Wow — a free space to do whatever we want,'" he said. "The success of PS1 hinges on energy."

Energy and the continual generosity of Deadwood owner Jim Bell, who, in 2002, lent the space above his bar to Public Space One founding fathers Griffin and Miguel Soria. Bell fronts the monthly utilities bill and covers the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under his insurance. When asked why, Bell said he was happy to help undergraduates gain artistic experience, adding he has faith in Griffin and his staff of volunteers to make the space self-sustainable.

Local painter and UI graduate Kate Katzer was heartened to hear that the

space's closing was only temporary. Katzer, who has been featured in the venue, said she appreciated the license it granted her to play with elements of lighting and create an appropriate ambiance for her work.

"It was a little overwhelming because the only place I'd displayed my work had been my apartment," said the assistant manager at Dick Blick Art Materials, 223 E. Washington St.

Despite her affection for the venue, she pointed out some of its shortcomings — low traffic because of the lack of a marquee and the space's second-floor location.

UI student Danielle Santangelo, a former volunteer and actor in several plays at Public Space One, said she loves the simplicity of a small stage. With the audience practically within arm's reach, she said, the intimacy allowed her to connect better with her characters. Yet it was her work as an events booker that provided her with the skills that enabled her to begin her own production company, Prairie Fire Theatre.

Other playwrights and actors have used the stages of Public Space One and No Shame Theatre as stepping-stones toward artistic fulfillment. UI graduate Paul Rust, who now lives in Santa Monica, Calif., founded sketch-comedy group FireBall Deluxe with a group of friends who graduated from the UI with theater degrees.

"I learned a lot at the UI, but you learn most, of course, by [being on stage]," he said. "Knowing I'd have an audience made me want to write — without No Shame or PS1, I wouldn't have had any reason to."

Griffin said he intends to join his friends in Los Angeles "sometime soon," where he'll be able to continue producing UI graduate Michael Cassidy's version of Donal O'Kelly's one-man play *Catalpa*, which the pair presented last summer at the Fringe Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Before he leaves, Griffin, with the help of others, is trying to gather a volunteer staff able to turn the space into an Iowa City mainstay.

"People who paint need to paint, they need to know where to put up their work, and they need to know how to make deals," he said. "And PS1 can teach them that."

Those interested in volunteering at Public Space One can contact Griffin at: thejamesgang@thejamesgang.ws.

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FILM REVIEW | *Ocean's Twelve*

# THE VERY SURFACE OF COOL



The epitome of cool: George Clooney, Matt Damon, and Brad Pitt.

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The gang from *Ocean's Eleven* returns in *Ocean's 12*, and this time around the guys are trying a bit too hard to be hip



FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

*Ocean's Twelve*

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*Ocean's Twelve* isn't any better than *Ocean's Eleven* (2001), but that's not saying a whole lot considering I wasn't a fan of the first one, either. I always had fun with the original Rat Pack version of *Eleven* from 1960 because it just seemed so naturally and effortlessly cool.

Steven Soderbergh's updates, quite simply, are posers — too cute and too clever for their own good.

Film critic Roger Ebert described this adventure/comedy as "an inside

joke about inside jokes." If that sort of thing is your bag, maybe *Twelve* is a movie for you. I'm simply not able to get past all the self-conscious dialogue and self-congratulatory glamour. Had Soderbergh and the cast stopped patting themselves on the back for a minute to let the plot and characters develop logically, I might have warmed up to this material. Instead, all are trying so hard to be hip that they forget to create any kind of substance beneath the pseudo-stylish façade.

Set three years after the infamous Las Vegas casino heist, bad guy Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia doing an amusing Al Pacino riff) pays a visit to the 11 master thieves led by debonair Danny Ocean (George Clooney). He wants the team of con artists to repay the millions they stole from him, with interest, or else. So what do *Ocean's Eleven* do at a time such as this? They plan another elaborate caper to come up with the money, of course.

The gang's all back again for the ride: Rusty (Brad Pitt), Tess (Julia Roberts), Linus (Matt Damon), Basher (Don Cheadle), Yen (Shaobo Qin), Frank (Bernie Mac), Saul (Carl Reiner), Reuben (Elliott

Gould), and the Malloy brothers (Scott Caan and Casey Affleck). The new addition is a stunning detective named Isabel (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who was previously an old flame of Rusty's but is now investigating these swindlers' suspicious doings in Amsterdam, Rome, and Paris. Another catalyst entered into the mix is a rival criminal known as "The Night Fox" (Vincent Cassel).

The film goes on for too long and is full of unnecessarily convoluted twists, gimmicky cameos, and silly pop-culture references. Nobody can deny that the stars are likable and charming onscreen, but let's face it, the *Ocean* movies are vanity pieces for these beautiful people. The jazzy, elegant locales call to mind some of the sophisticated, European-flavored romps of the '50s and '60s, so, if nothing else, *Twelve* offers plenty of eye-candy.

But, in spite of its funny and breezy moments here and there, this sequel remains a forgettable mess. When all is said and done, the biggest con is the one pulled on the audience.

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# Saving CDs from an early grave

BY SCOTT MCCALLUM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A deep, jagged cut across her entire body was blamed for her untimely death. Another was escorted into an early grave after receiving scratches over his entire body. Perhaps the most gruesome was when an entire group of people was mauled, leaving missing pieces from various parts of their bodies. Since the advent of CDs, millions of discs have ended their live in such fashion because of the carelessness of their owners.

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my not-so-gentle handling of the disc, the protective cover performed exactly as is claimed. A few scuffs were on the D-skin, but my CD was still like new.

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Natalie Portman as Alice

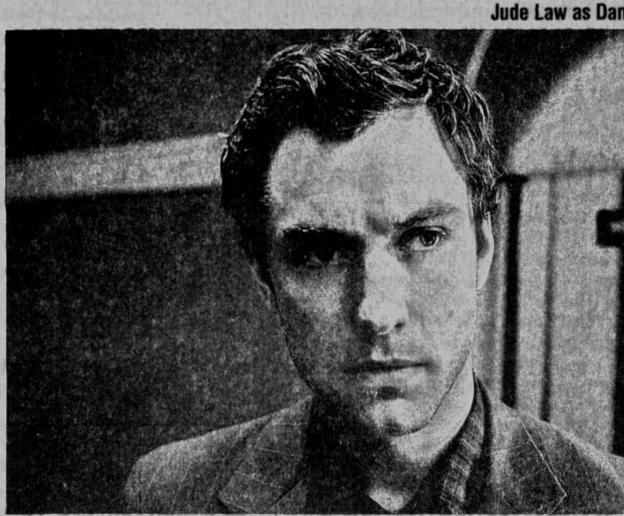


Clive Owen as Larry

# TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT



Julia Roberts as Anna



Jude Law as Dan

Dan, Alice, Anna, and Larry embark on an endless round of relationship musical chairs in a perverse look at love that will reaffirm beliefs in the single life



FILM REVIEW

by Laura Jensen

*Closer*

**When:**  
5:30, 7:45, and 9:50 p.m.  
Matinees Friday-Sunday  
at 1:15 and 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:**  
Campus 3  
★★★ out of ★★★★★

Make no mistake, no one will refer to *Closer* as the typical Julia Roberts feel-good movie. Though funny at times, Mike Nichols' film is a dark, perverse look at relationships that reaffirms your belief in the single life.

The story centers on Dan (Jude Law, *Alfie*), an obituary writer, who falls first for Alice (Natalie Portman, *Garden State*), a stripper. Then Anna (Julia Roberts, *Ocean's Twelve*), a photographer, takes Dan's portrait when he writes an unsuccessful novel. After a dirty online prank, Larry (Clive Owen, *King Arthur*) hooks up with Anna, but none of these relationships will last.

The next four years bring an endless round of musical chairs for the lovers. No one truly knows what he or she wants or even if he or she wants the happiness and satisfaction that comes with getting what one wants. Anna's and Larry's relationship is subjected to cheating almost immediately, while Dan keeps Alice around simply because he does not really want to have to tell her to go.

Every actor in *Closer* performs

phenomenally well. Owen, with perhaps the meatiest role, alternates between coolly charming, devilishly raunchy, and raging green monster. The character seemingly manipulates all the rest, but Owen keeps hidden all of Larry's agendas while openly displaying heart-rending emotion in some of the more raw moments, like his fiery break-up with the adulterous Anna. Roberts herself turns in one of her better performances, stretching well outside her normal range with this self-absorbed, confused woman.

Law turns in what feels like his millionth performance this season but reminds us why he is in demand. The character often mirrors his *Alfie* cad, only darker and more brooding. He brings the character flawlessly from romantic charmer in his courtship with Alice to obsessive stalker when he pursues Anna. Portman, too, has played her character before, namely in this summer's *Garden State*. A soulful, flaky, wild child, she is more depressed and needy than Portman's previous alter ego. However, like Law, Portman plays the character just as she should be.

Originally a play, *Closer* feels a little dialogue-heavy, without time to explore the story visually. Late in the first half of the film, the story starts to drag a little. However, the sharp wit of the dialogue keeps the movie from becoming either painfully slow or depressing or both. The story itself is skeletal, but the screwed-up quirks of the characters and their even messier relationships are the focus of the film. Director Nichols again masters this delicate deconstruction of human interaction, which he has explored, ranging from the hilarious in *The Graduate* (1967) to the sweet in *Working Girl* (1988) to the hopelessly gloomy in *Closer*.

*Closer* may not be the best picture of the year, as it was originally hyped, but the acting lives up to its billing. The sharp repartee and the willingness to delve into the murky recesses of "love" make for an intriguing film, even if one better suited to the stage.

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ARTS BRIEFS

**Ocean's 12 steals top box-office spot**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The stars aligned to put *Ocean's 12* atop the weekend box office.

The heist sequel — top-heavy with such A-list talent as George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, and Matt Damon — collected \$39.1 million, while the vampire-fighting sequel *Blade: Trinity* debuted at No. 2 with \$16 million.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Dec. 10 through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Nielsen EDI Inc.:

1. *Ocean's Twelve*, Warner Bros., \$39,153,380, 3,290 locations, \$11,901 average, \$39,153,380, one week.
2. *Blade: Trinity*, New Line, \$16,061,271, 2,912 locations, \$5,516 average, \$24,484,815, one week.
3. *National Treasure*, Disney, \$9,832,622, 3,203 locations, \$3,070 average, \$124,071,959, four weeks.
4. *The Polar Express*, Warner Bros., \$9,588,412, 3,257 locations, \$2,944 average, \$109,826,809, five weeks.
5. *Christmas with the Kranks*, Sony, \$7,610,848, 3,294 locations, \$2,311 average, \$54,781,892, three weeks.
6. *The Incredibles*, Disney-Pixar, \$5,036,631, 2,656 locations, \$1,896 average, \$232,573,246, six weeks.
7. *The Spongebob SquarePants Movie*, Paramount, \$4,357,011, 3,307 locations, \$1,318 average, \$73,596,022, four weeks.
8. *Closer*, Sony, \$3,735,153, 622 locations, \$6,005 average, \$13,740,180, two weeks.
9. *Finding Neverland*, Miramax, \$1,688,620, 537 locations, \$3,145 average, \$14,209,515, five weeks.
10. *Alexander*, Warner Bros., \$1,479,348, 2,125 locations, \$696 average, \$32,594,911, three weeks.

**Schwarzenegger to star in upcoming film**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will return to the big screen next year to make a cameo in a comedy written and produced by friend Tom Arnold.

During an appearance Monday on Fox's "The Best Damn Sports Show Period," which is co-hosted by Arnold, Schwarzenegger said he's in the upcoming movie *The Kid and I*.

The governor didn't reveal what role he would play in the movie, slated to be released sometime next year.

The film, directed by Penelope Spheeris, centers on an actor played by Arnold and a teen stricken with cerebral palsy who dreams of starring in an action film. The movie also stars Joe Mantegna and Shannon Elizabeth.

Arnold said Jamie Lee Curtis, who starred alongside Schwarzenegger and Arnold in 1994's *True Lies*, will also make a cameo in the film.

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- Flight of Phoenix**  
Cinema 6  
After a cargo plane of oil workers crashes in Mongolia's Gobi Desert during a sandstorm, the survivors attempt to build a new plane from the parts they find in the wreckage.
- Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events**  
Coral Ridge 10  
Three young orphans with no home are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film. He starts with the cunning and dastardly Count Olaf (Jim Carrey), who hopes to snatch their inheritance from the family.
- Spanglish**  
Cinema 6  
Cultures collide as a Mexican woman and her 12-year-old daughter move in with an affluent Los Angeles family. The Mexican woman imagined a lot of horrors about America, but she never fathomed the peril of being embraced by an upscale American family.

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- Dave Moore Burlington, 9:30
- Bad Fat Association, Washington, 10
- Max Eubank Linn, 10 p.m., \$

**Words**

- "Live from Prairie Lights, p.m., free

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### BANDS WITH FUNNY NAMES

**FEAR BEFORE THE MARCH OF FLAMES** JOINS FIRE WHEN READY, NO POINT TO PARADISE, AND THE INTERVENTION FOR SOME EARLY SHOW, ALL AGES ROCK ACTION TODAY AT GABE'S. SHOW STARTS AT 6 P.M., ADMISSION IS \$8

### ARTS

#### Believe it or knot

NEW YORK (AP) — Is the knot really tied this time?

Anna Kournikova and Enrique Iglesias were married in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, a few weeks ago, *Us Weekly* magazine reports. "Everything is awesome. We are married," the magazine quotes Kournikova as saying at a charity tennis event in Florida on Sunday.

Ivy Mollenkamp, Kournikova's publicist, refused Tuesday to confirm or deny the *Us Weekly* story, saying, "We never comment on her personal life." Iglesias' representative, Stacy Boniello, also had no comment.

Court officials in charge of registering marriages in Puerto Vallarta and neighboring Nuevo Vallarta said they had no record of such a wedding. But the former tennis pro and the Latin pop star could have had a religious wedding, which would not be legally recognized in Mexico.

Kournikova, 23, is no stranger to wedding drama. There have been numerous reports in the past few months that she and Iglesias, 29, were already married. And she was briefly married to Russian hockey player Sergei Fedorov in 2001, though at the time she denied it.

#### An Aerosmith grandad

NEW YORK (AP) — Steven Tyler is now, gasp, a grandfather.

Liv Tyler, the daughter of the Aerosmith lead singer and model Bebe Buell, gave birth to a son in Manhattan on Tuesday, *Us Weekly* magazine reported.

"They are both doing great," Tyler's publicist, Stephen Huvane, told the Associated Press Wednesday. He said the baby hadn't been named yet.

### TODAY

- Music**
- **Fear Before the March of Flames**, Fire When Ready, No Point to Paradise, the Intervention, Gabe's, early all-ages show, 6 p.m., \$8
  - **Dave Moore**, Mill, 120 E. Burlington, 9:30 p.m., \$6
  - **Bad Fathers**, Guilty by Association, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 10 p.m., \$5
  - **Max Eubank**, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, 10 p.m., \$4

- Words**
- "Live from Prairie Lights," **Mary Swander and Tim Budd**, fiction, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., free

- Misc.**
- **Gallery opening**, Casey Kasperek, Siren, 124 S. Dubuque, 6 p.m., price TBA

### FRIDAY

- Music**
- **Lazy Boy and the Recliners**, Siren, 8 p.m., price TBA
  - **Beggermen**, the Spread, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
  - **Bob Dorr's Blue Band**, Mill, 9 p.m., \$6
  - **Call Me Lightning**, the Vine and the Archer, Grainbelt, Lazer Mountain, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5

- Theater**
- **The Santaland Diaries**, City Circle Acting Company, 213 E. 10th, 8 p.m., \$10

### SATURDAY

- Music**
- **Burnout**, Indian Pines, Damn the Gods, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5
  - **Jensen Connection**, Dr. Z's Experiment, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
  - **Steve-G and friends**, Mill, 9 p.m., \$5

### Theater

- **The Santaland Diaries**, City Circle, 8 p.m., \$10

### Dance

- **Dance Forum Concert**, UI dance department, North Hall Space/Place, 8 p.m., \$6

### SUNDAY

- Music**
- **Ring in the Holidays**, Iowa City Community Band, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington, 2 p.m., \$5

- Theater**
- **The Santaland Diaries**, City Circle, 2:30 p.m., \$10

- Dance**
- **Dance Forum Concert**, dance department, Space/Place, 8 p.m., \$6

### MONDAY

- Music**
- **Open Mike with Jay Knight**, Mill, 8 p.m., free

### TUESDAY

- Music**
- **Hip-Hop Night**, Yacht Club, time and price TBA
  - **Rockadiles**, Gabe's, time and price TBA

- Dance**
- **Salsa Break**, Arts à La Carte, 20 E. Market, 8:30 p.m., \$3

### WEDNESDAY

- Music**
- **Burlington St. Bluegrass Band and Jam**, Mill, 7 p.m., \$3
  - **Folk Jam**, Dustin Blank, Siren, 9 p.m., \$2
  - **Jam Band Jam**, Yacht Club, time and price TBA

# GIFTING IS IN THE MAKING

#### GIFT IDEAS

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#### LP COVER BOX

for the organized

**Materials:** LP cover, ruler, scissors, glue, clothespins, clear packing tape  
**Instructions:** Separate the cover. Take the front and turn it over. Draw straight fold lines 2½ inches from each edge. Set the cover straight, and cut the fold lines at the corners parallel to the top edge. Use the ruler to fold all four lines and the corners inward. Fold the short corners in, and glue them to the long side panel, clothespin the corner until the glue dries, and repeat for the whole box.

#### RIBBON BULLETIN BOARD

for the collector

**Materials:** Foam board, enough material to cover board, spool of ribbon, thumb tacks, photos  
**Instructions:** This gift is great for people who love to display their photos. Measure and cut foamboard to the desired length. Cut fabric two inches wider and longer than measurement of foamboard. Cover one side of board with fabric and fold remaining over each edge. Secure tightly in place with thumbtacks. Start with one end of ribbon in corner, stretch to diagonal corner. Tack in place. Repeat with opposite corners. Add additional ribbon strips diagonally. Place a thumbtack at each intersection of ribbon.

#### GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVE HOLDERS

for the indulgent

**Materials:** Flat glass stones (the kind used in fish tanks), other decorating materials (stones, beads, or mirrors), hot glue gun, hot glue, votive holders or small jars  
**Instructions:** This gift requires a little extra creativity. Using numerous colors and sizes of glass stones, arrange a grid pattern. It helps to lay it out before committing to glue. Using a low-temperature glue gun, attach the stones to the votive holder. It's best to start at the bottom. Don't feel compelled to cover all of the holders. Small designs can also work well. Create a matching set to match the receiver's decor.

#### EXPRESS YOURSELF MAGNETS

for the magnetic

**Materials:** Flat glass stones, magazines, flat rocks, paint  
**Instructions:** Cut pictures or words from magazines in the shape of the flat glass stones. Glue to back. Attach magnet. For flat rocks, think of words and paint upon each rock (like magnetic poetry). Attach magnets to the back with glue.

#### LAYNE GABRIEL:

Collage journal, record bowl, LP cover box

#### ALI GOWANS:

Chai mix, calendar, slogan T-shirt, relaxation rice sock

#### BETH HERZINGER:

Express yourself magnets, pants-to-skirt, coffee can shelf, glass mosaic votive holders, hanging jar lantern, ribbon bulletin board, flower pen and holder

#### BRIAN SWOTEK

Piecework felt scarf

#### RECORD BOWL

for the music lover

**Materials:** Record album, oven, oven-safe bowl, cookie sheet  
**Instructions:** Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Put the oven-safe bowl upside down on the cookie sheet. Put the record on top of the bowl and put it in the oven for three to five minutes. You can pinch it to create little folds or rims on it.

#### FLOWER PEN HOLDER

for the writer

**Materials:** Pen, artificial or dried flowers, glue, small pinch bud vase, florist tape  
**Instructions:** Using florist tape, attach flower stem to side of pen. Wrap tape around the rest of the pen until covered. Decorate the vase with ribbon and fill with additional ribbon or small, torn-up magazine pages. Place pen in vase.

#### COLLAGE JOURNAL

for the inspired

**Materials:** composition notebook, sponge brush, Mod Podge (sold at art stores), magazines, scissors  
**Instructions:** Cut pictures or words from magazines. Select two large pages with a pattern to make the base for the covers, or use smaller pictures, and overlap them to cover the notebook. Sponge Mod Podge over and let dry.

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Fri-Sun: 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50

Mon-Thurs: 5:30, 7:45, 9:50

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**BLADE: TRINITY (R)**

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**CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG)**

12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

**ALEXANDER (R)**

1:00, 4:45, 8:30

**NATIONAL TREASURE (PG)**

12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15

ENDS TODAY

**AFTER THE SUNSET (PG-13)**

9:30 ONLY

**POLAR EXPRESS (G)**

12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10

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**SHALL WE DANCE? (PG-13)**

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12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 9:50

**BLADE: TRINITY (R)**

12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40

**CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG)**

12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

**SPONGE BOB SQUARE PANTS MOVIE (PG)**

12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 8:30

**BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON (R)**

11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

**POLAR EXPRESS (G)**

12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30

**THE INCREDIBLES (PG)**

12:10, 1:10, 3:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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# DAILY BREAK

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## calendar

- **Human Resources Management Seminar**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Coral Ridge Mall Community Room.
- **Graduate College commencement**, 2 p.m. Friday, Hancher Auditorium.
- **College of Nursing commencement**, 10 a.m. Saturday, Carver.
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Tim Budd and Mary Swander, fiction**, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- **Tippie College of Business commencement**, 9 a.m. Saturday, Hancher.
- **College of Law commencement**, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Boyd Law Building.
- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences commencement**, 10 a.m. Saturday, Carver-Hawkeye Arena.
- **College of Engineering commencement**, noon, Clapp Recital Hall.

## quote of the day

**"Every time they take another count, it changes. It seems like something you would hear about in Chicago, where all the dead people voted."**

— Fourth-generation Washington state resident Al Reece, a retired saw operator. The state's race for governor is undergoing its third recount.

## horoscopes

Thursday, December 16, 2004  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Be a participant, and you will be enriched by the experience. An opportunity will develop through a conversation with someone knowledgeable about a cause that interests you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You don't have to make a decision until you feel confident that you are doing the right thing. Don't let someone push you into acting in haste; do what's best for you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Communication will be your lifeline today. Get in touch with old friends. An old romantic partner may still be interested.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Changes made to your home will turn out remarkably well. Plan to entertain or at least prepare your home for upcoming events. Don't overspend.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** If you haven't lived up to your promises, expect to face someone who is disgruntled. This is no time to let someone down. Go above and beyond the call of duty.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Someone may unintentionally lead you astray. Check all facts before you proceed. Work-related matters will be dependent on the information given.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Put a little extra into any job you are working on, and you will buy yourself some time later in the month. Someone you'd like to know better will show interest in you as well.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Prepare your home for any events that you may be holding this month. The more you do and the less said, the better. Your dedication will pay off.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Secrets may leave you guessing. Problems with authority must be avoided. Do what you can to help others, but don't ask for anything in return.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your ideas about work and how you see things going may be opposed by someone who is in competition with you. Believe in your abilities, and stick to your plans.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't feel pressured, but do give your problems full attention. If someone is confusing you, back away or ask an objective friend to advise you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Travel plans may run amok. A chance meeting with someone who will enlighten you about a different way of life will make you think about your future.

## news you need to know

**Friday** — Residence Halls dining contract ends, dinner — Close of final-exams week, 9 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 ...

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.

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## PATV schedule

7 a.m. Democracy Now  
11 Holiday Loop 5  
1 p.m. Boxed Charm  
1:30 On Main St.  
2 Glory 2 Glory  
2:30 Give Me An Answer  
3 24-7  
4 The Unity Center  
5 Tabernacle Baptist Church

6 BUSTED: A Citizen's Guide to Surviving Police Encounters  
6:45 Packing the Courts  
7 Grace Community Church  
8 Revival in Oxford  
9 The Cutters: Live  
10 Radio  
11 Tyler Smith: Catch a Rising Star

## UITV schedule

3 p.m. Neutrinos: Messengers from the Biggest Explosions in the Universe  
4 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Fall Kickoff  
4:30 "Know the Score," Dec. 10  
6:30 Coach Steve Alford News Conference  
7 Neutrinos: Messengers from the Biggest Explosions in the Universe  
8 Ueye No. 4  
8:30 Dangerous Anthropogenic Interference, How Man-made Activities are Competing with Natural Effects on Climate  
10 Neutrinos: Messengers from the Biggest Explosions in the Universe  
11 Ueye No. 5  
11:30 Coach Steve Alford News Conference

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### Little University

1. What favorite son's gravesite can be found by following the yellow line at Louisville's Cave Hill Cemetery?

2. Who was Dana Carvey impersonating when he emphatically said: "Not gonna do it"?

3. What world leader reportedly hatched a plan to send a band of killers disguised as belly dancers to rub out Iraqi exiles in London?

4. What company name appears on every Viagra pill?

5. What 14-year-old became the first female skater to nail a triple-loop/triple-loop combo, in 1997?

1. Col. Harland Sanders  
2. George H.W. Bush  
3. Saddam Hussein  
4. Pfizer  
5. Tara Lipinski

## STUFF YOU NEVER HEAR ABOUT ANYMORE

— by Nick Narigon

- Where's Waldo?
- Zima.
- British Knights tennis shoes.
- Manuel Noriega.
- Jordache jeans.
- Fred Savage.
- The chubby, blond Spice Girl.
- Those cars that are half car, half truck.
- The Ottoman Empire.
- Terence Trent D'Arby.
- RC Cola.
- Techno music, thank God. It was the disco of the '90s.
- Christian Slater.
- Garbage Pail Kids.

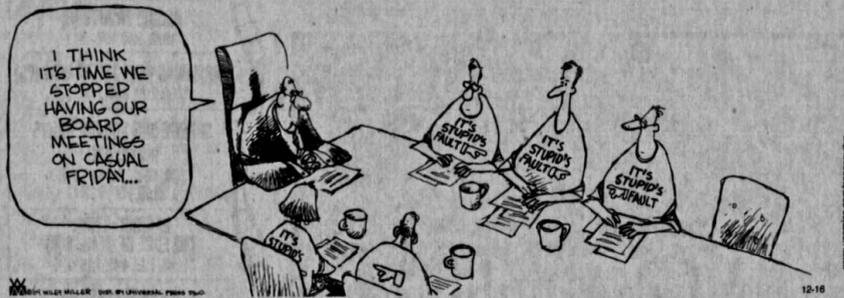
## DILBERT®

by Scott Adams



## 'NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV



## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## The New York Times Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 Hawthorne's birthplace  
6 Herbert who won a Pulitzer for "The People's Choice"  
10 It's a matter of opinion  
14 City west of Daytona Beach  
15 Crème  
16 Exotic vacation spot  
17 Fume  
18 Canal  
20 This once was sufficient  
22 Community program  
23 Park (N.Y.C. locale)  
25 Lunchtime  
27 Name fit for a king?  
28 Connecting point  
29 Apparition  
34 Shock jock's overseer, for short  
35 Does simple math  
36 Straight dope  
37 "... men in ..."  
39 Huey, Dewey, Louie, Donald and Daisy  
42 Magical opening  
43 Dr. "A Beautiful Mind" role)  
45 "Of course, Jorge!"  
47 Trash collector  
48 Unencumbered by  
50 Get \_\_\_ (share the rewards of)  
51 Blood-curdling scream  
52 Raise  
54 Transp. network  
55 "What a Girl Wants" singer, 1999  
59 Motorcade V.I.P.: Abbr.  
61 Trade association?  
63 Key material  
66 "Bom Free" illness  
67 Slaughter the slugger  
68 Portia's role on "Ally McBeal"  
69 Negotiation's end  
70 Tailor-made  
71 Lock

**DOWN**

1 Blubber  
2 Prince of a guy  
3 "The dog ate my homework," e.g.  
4 Vivacity  
5 Raphael subject  
6 Fuss and bother  
7 Do some planning before taking action  
8 For all to hear  
9 Followers of Bob Marley's music  
10 Wind up on stage?  
11 Sobriquet for Haydn  
12 What a conductor conducts: Abbr.  
13 Gossip  
19 Underground chamber  
21 Long-crested bird  
23 Bow-wow  
24 Missile's course  
26 Weirdo  
30 A Gershwin  
31 Part of an all-weather shoe  
32 Self-consoling words  
33 "That's just what I needed!"  
38 Quilters' do  
40 Avoiding spitballs, say  
41 Classic Marx Brothers flick  
44 Viscount, e.g.  
46 Available from the publisher  
48 Burgundy brothers  
53 One of the Horae  
55 Tucked in  
56 Fast-moving wind  
57 \_\_\_ Minor  
58 Type type: Abbr.  
60 Present opener?  
62 Form 1040 ID  
64 Literary inits.  
65 "You rang?"

Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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LAURA OPER SAUD  
ATTAR LICE IVES  
WHENONCHANGES  
UAR TEN  
LANESTOGOFASTER  
ELITE ABUY AVE  
ALEE KAREN SPEC  
PAC GARB SPIRO  
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