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A NEW KIND OF FOSTER PARENT



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Iowa City resident Janet Ashman late Monday night feeds a swarm of cats that lives in her Iowa City residence. Ashman is providing foster care for 12 of the cats until suitable homes can be found for them.

FOSTERING A PET PROJECT

As a way to help alleviate overcrowding, animal shelters and pet stores have come up with a solution — pet fostering

BY MEGHAN V. MALLOY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Janet Ashman considers being a foster parent one of the blessings in life — she has 12 charges in her care and takes in others that need help. It may not seem like an ordinary load, but Ashman, 54, is no ordinary foster mother. She fosters animals that are in need of a good home.

Pet fostering, which is fairly new to Iowa City, involves people taking animals, usually dogs or cats, into their homes temporarily until the animals can be adopted permanently. The practice is popular with families and is becoming common among university students who

miss their family pets but aren't financially able to take an animal permanently.

Shelters and pet stores licensed by the state typically allow people to foster animals after a background check. The "foster parents" are considered to be an extension of the shelter or store and are held responsible for anything that happens to the pets in their care. To animal lovers and advocates, the idea of pet fostering seems like a perfect solution to overcrowded shelters and for pets that need extra care, but they contend that the state of Iowa is against them.

Mischa Goodman, the general manager of the Iowa City-Coralville Animal Care and Adoption

Center, and several other animal advocates in Iowa City assert that the state looks down on animal fostering because of the hassle that is created trying to regulate and license individuals.

"The state is overwhelmed by the licensing that is generally required for [pet fostering]," said Goodman, who believes the state doesn't approve of the practice because it results in extra work for state employees. "If they had to go to every individual's house in Iowa that was taking in animals temporarily, the job of licensing and regulating would take forever."

But Michelle Shaffer, the communications director for the Iowa Department of Agriculture, SEE PET FOSTERING, PAGE 3

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Regents approve UIHC rate hike

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

COUNCIL BLUFFS — UI Hospitals and Clinics will increase patient-care rates by 6.5 percent in 2006 after being given an OK from the state Board of Regents on Tuesday.

The rate increase is 3 percent less than originally discussed, which will force the hospital to streamline in order to make up the \$4.3 million difference that comes with the smaller increase, UIHC CEO Donna Katen-Bahensky said.

"The regents want to make sure the individuals with income above the charity level are affected as reasonably as possible," said UIHC Chief Financial Officer Anthony DeFurio.

Patients above a certain income level are not included in state health-coverage programs and thus are left to pay for expenses through an insurance provider or on their own.

Customers using Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, UIHC's largest insurance provider, could also be affected if the university and the insurance provider don't settle on a contract before next year, SEE UIHC, PAGE 3



Katen-Bahensky
UIHC CEO

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UI gets OK on mall

Regents approve buying the space formerly occupied by Younkers in the Old Capitol Town Center

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

COUNCIL BLUFFS — A UI proposal to buy the space in the Old Capitol Town Center formerly occupied by Younkers was approved by the state Board of Regents Tuesday. The purchase's plan also revealed that the university has its sights set on taking over the second floor of the mall.

The contract with the Old Capitol mall to purchase the 68,000-square-foot area will include a section that will give university officials options and the right of first refusal for nearby space, according to a memo outline of the plan. SEE YOUNKERS, PAGE 3

UI HERBARIUM

UI plant battle continues

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Talk of visitation rights and accusations about poor care flew back and forth in the Johnson County Courthouse on Tuesday, but the custody battle wasn't over children. Witnesses from the UI and Iowa State University argued for the second-straight day over the fate of a collection of plants.

The UI Herbarium, composed of 250,000 preserved plant samples, was transferred to ISU last year, against the wishes of a group of Iowa City botany enthusiasts and researchers.

UI Associate Professor Diana Horton, who was the curator of the SEE HERBARIUM, PAGE 3

All bets are on in new games

BY MARGARET NIXON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Forget Monday night poker games and expensive trips to Las Vegas — the newest form of gambling may be as close as the nearest convenience store.

Two flashing machines greet customers at Kum & Go No. 52, 25 W. Burlington St., in the latest promotion from Iowa Lottery.

Insert one nickel, and within seconds, \$1,250 could be yours.

Approximately one month ago, the first Touch Play lottery machines were installed in approximately 23 local bars and convenience stores, creating a stir among customers.

"They definitely draw a lot of attention," said Kum & Go sales manager Matthew Miller, 22.

The machines feature six computerized games, including Hot Streak Poker, Win Storm, Let Freedom Ring, Wild Card Spin, Cash Roll, and Bells and Whistles. Those old enough to participate (21 and over) have the option of playing nickel, quarter, 50-cent,



Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

The screens of two new video gambling machines flash inside the Kum & Go at the intersection of Madison and Burlington Streets on Monday night as sales manager Matthew Miller stands at the register. He says that although the machines aren't always in use, some people can spend up to \$30 in 30 minutes on the machines.

and dollar games. Joe Hrdlicka, the vice president of marketing for the Iowa Lottery, said the development of the Touch Play games was intended to create

a more entertaining form of lottery than the usual pull-tab tickets. Also, he said, the machines increase revenue for the state. SEE GAMBLING, PAGE 3

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Regents OK IMU project

BY NICK PETERSEN
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COUNCIL BLUFFS — The IMU Madison Street plaza will be replaced by a three-story glass and brick structure that will add additional space, according to the architectural plan approved by the state Board of Regents on Tuesday.

Phase I of the building's renovation moved forward after addressing complaints that the design didn't reflect the IMU's 1925 design.

"We're really excited that future governments won't be trapped in the basement," UI Student Government Vice President Lauren McCarthy said. The UISG offices will be relocated to the new space.

Planners have emphasized the openness the glass walls will provide on the \$9.9 million structure.

The first design proposal had glass windows covering the entire face of the new part of the building.

UISG President Mark

PROPOSED IMU ADDITION



Architectural rendering

The addition will cost nearly \$10 million.

Kresowik agreed that the front window was an important aspect of the original design and said he was happy they were able to keep the windows in the revised design.

Brad Brown, an architect working on the project, said

that by mimicking details from the north end of the building, the planners were able to maintain influences from the 1925 building.

"This looks like it fits more with the older section of the building," he said.

Other features in the new area will include improved access to the various parts of the building, a student lounge, offices for student government and student organizations, and extra space for temporary relocation for the second phase of renovation.

The second phase of the renovations project will cost \$21 million; it focuses on the existing interior.

The next phase includes renovation of the bookstore, expansion of the food-storage and preparation areas, a new food court, Wheelroom renovations, and relocation of the IMU Market.

Renovation for both phases are slated to be funded with student fees.

Regents have expressed concern about increasing student fees again for the still-unapproved second phase of the project, because construction of a new \$55 million recreation center will also be paid for with student fees.

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"The Internet is a wonderful tool, but you can't always rely on it to have completely accurate information." — John Buatti, a radiation oncologist at UIHC

UI M.D.s skeptical about online background checks

BY MEGHAN V. MALLOY
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Americans' growing concern about living healthy lives has led many to make sure their doctor's slate is untainted.

Such websites as physician-reports.com and choicetrust.com have become popular as more and more people conduct background checks on doctors, nurses, and other health-care professionals.

The websites provide the histories of more than 600,000 physicians nationwide for a fee of anywhere from \$8 to \$11 per record. The sites offer everything in physicians' histories, including times spent in medical schools to any disciplinary actions against them.

It may seem convenient to go online to find out what your

doctor may or may not have done in the past, but some Iowa City physicians contend that the websites are unreliable and troublesome.

Steven Wolfe, who specializes in family practice at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, said it is hard to have confidence in such websites because the source of information is vague.

"It isn't always clear where the site is getting its information from," he said. "One of the few background sites I would trust is the National Practitioner Data Bank, but even it can make mistakes."

He referred to the sites as "blind websites" and added that doctors with the same names can be confused, causing the wrong doctor to be accused of malpractice. The National Prac-

itioner Data Bank specializes in disciplinary action taken against physicians.

"Ethically, these websites that charge people money for background checks are worthless," Wolfe said. "It's not a valid service for the public."

Background information can be obtained for free from the State Licensing Board or from a county medical society, both of which keep precise records.

"You cannot even be licensed to practice medicine [in the state of Iowa] without a background check in the first place," Wolfe said.

John Buatti, a radiation oncologist at UIHC, agreed with Wolfe.

"The Internet is a wonderful tool, but you can't always rely on it to have completely

accurate information," he said.

Both doctors said they would make their own recommendations and referrals to patients before suggesting the Internet to check the integrity of another health-care specialist. They would expect their patients to trust their judgment as professionals, they said.

However, Iowans may have some concerns about checking the quality of their health-care providers. Last month, a UIHC nurse was accused by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals of placing a pillow over a screaming patient's face. A UI resident doctor was also dismissed after he gave prescriptions to unauthorized individuals.

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Vilsack signs sex-abuse law

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DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack on Tuesday signed legislation that toughens sentences for those who sexually abuse children, along with closer supervision after those offenders get out of prison.

"It's a good day for Iowa's children," he said. "Today, we send a strong message about security."

The new law, prompted by the recent abduction and slaying of Jetseta Gage, a 10-year-old Cedar Rapids girl, also creates a statewide DNA database, requires local police to notify school officials when a sex offender moves into their districts, and provides for easier



Vilsack
governor of Iowa

public access to the state's sex-offender registry.

Gage was taken from her home on March 24. Her body was found the next day in an abandoned mobile home in rural Johnson County.

Lawmakers were outraged when they learned that the man charged in her slaying had served more than two years in prison on charges of committing lascivious acts with a child and that he had been released without supervision though he refused sex-offender treatment.

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IC Chamber of Commerce head steps down

The Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce announced Tuesday that its president, James Griffin Jr., was quitting after one year on the job.

He was not available for comment Tuesday, but the chairman of the chamber's Board of Directors, Glenn Siders, said Griffin was leaving his post on Aug. 1 to pursue other interests. Siders praised Griffin's leadership and his ability to think outside the box.

"I'm going to miss him. I admire him a lot," Siders said. "I thought he did a wonderful job."

The Chamber of Commerce promotes the local economy.

The board will appoint an interim president, to be guided by Griffin, as soon as possible, Siders said. It will then begin the "exhaustive search" for a new full-time president, he said.

Other staff members will need to pick up extra duties in order to cover for the president's absence, he said.

"It's not like the chamber is going to come to a stop," Siders said. "Life goes on."

— by Jim Butts

CR man charged with theft

A Cedar Rapids man was charged

last week with first-degree theft after allegedly being caught in a three-year scam.

Paul Hart, 42, allegedly stole almost \$24,000 from Moore Wallace, 1960 S. Riverside Drive, while he was employed as the treasurer of the employee association there, according to police records.

Moore Wallace, a company that helps businesses to increase revenue, employs approximately 380 people.

The employee association allegedly paid for company picnics and parties. Reports allege that Hart "would cash checks sent to him from Pepsi America and keep part or all of the money for himself."

Hart confessed to the charges, and his confession was both written and videotaped, according to records.

He has reportedly resigned from Moore Wallace.

First-degree theft is a Class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

— by Amanda Masker

Local woman charged with assault

An Iowa City woman was charged Tuesday with assault on a police officer and seven counts of improper use of 911.

Carolyn Smith, 23, allegedly kicked

a police officer in the shin twice. She later said she was "sorry" for kicking him, according to records.

Smith "had to be walked to the squad car backwards to prevent her from continuing to kick officers," police records indicate.

The police officer suffered no injuries, the report states.

Smith was also charged with improper use of 911 for allegedly calling 911 seven times in an hour.

She allegedly admitted that there was no emergency.

Police reports show Smith was "cited and released with the same crime fewer than five days ago."

Smith was also charged with third-degree harassment in March, where she pleaded guilty and was fined.

If convicted of assault on an officer, a serious misdemeanor, Smith could face up to one year in jail and a maximum \$1,500 fine. Improper use of 911 is a simple misdemeanor; if convicted, Smith could face up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500.

— by Amanda Masker

Coralville Fire Department proposes training center

A Coralville Fire Department official

on Tuesday night proposed building a training center that would provide a realistic environment for firefighters. Assistant Chief Bill Horning, who presented the idea to the Coralville City Council, said he was "excited about moving forward."

The facility, dubbed the Coralville Training Site, would initially consist of a four-story tower and a burn building. The area would also allow for expansion of training environments, which could possibly including a driving course and a pond for water-rescue training.

The tower would have two balconies to help simulate emergencies in apartment buildings.

The burn building would be a two-story structure consisting of six rooms.

It would be constructed with steel and other fire-resistant materials, enabling it to withstand thousands of training fires.

At present, the department relies on burning condemned buildings for training. The Department of Natural Resources limits the controlled house fires to two per year, which severely limits the training time for the department, Horning said.

The structures would cost roughly \$550,000 for both the tower and burn building.

— by Mark Bosworth

POLICE BLOTTER

Brandi Fisher, 30, Coralville, was charged Monday with driving while license was barred.

Minnette Miller, 49, Coralville, was charged June 11 for driving while

license was barred.

Russell Peters, 27, 4515 Melrose Ave., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Andrew Peterson, 25, 414 Westgate, was charged Sunday with operating

while intoxicated.

Jesse Reese, 32, 1303 Lukirk St. Apt. 183, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Troy Salter, 24, 1050 Newton Road,

was charged June 11 with driving while license was barred.

Randall Smith, 18, 2510 Friendship St., was charged Monday with third-degree harassment.

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'We continue to have very positive, good-faith discussions on both sides. We're very close to having a deal.'

— UI President David Skorton

UIHC rates to go up

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but UI President David Skorton said Tuesday that an agreement will likely be reached soon.

"We continue to have very positive, good-faith discussions on both sides," he said.

"We're very close to having a deal."

Without the contract, patients with Wellmark would be forced to act as middlemen by being required to pay the difference between how much Wellmark reimburses them and what the UIHC charges for services.

With a contract, the hospital receives a lump pay-off for a given year, and any cost

differences are absorbed.

"This, to me, shows the necessity of making the Wellmark deal, because 20 percent of your patients would be balance-billed," Regent President Michael Gartner said.

Besides the rate increase, UIHC officials said they are working to reduce the average length of stay and increase advertising to stay profitable.

The hospital would be able to move more people through the system by keeping patients in the hospital a shorter length of time.

"Where you really get your bang for the buck is when you are able to replace those empty beds with more patients," DeFurio said.

Katen-Bahensky said the

facility would attempt to reduce the average stay from 7.1 to 6.5 days, with no effect on services. Certain areas, such as psychiatry, bone-marrow transplants, and internal medicine, will be the focus of the effort.

Even with these and other efforts to cut back overhead at the hospital, the regents left open the possibility of an additional increase in rates for 2006.

Gartner said that if federal funding for a revised Medicaid program doesn't come through by a July deadline, officials would have to consider a supplemental increase.

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Pets get foster parents

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said on Monday that the state does not disapprove of the animal fostering and that it had no proposed legislation against the practice.

Patty Judge, the Iowa secretary of Agriculture, could not be reached for comment.

"If we didn't have people taking on animals as foster pets, unweaned animals would be euthanized left and right," Goodman said.

Tammara Meester, the owner of Pet Central Station, 114 S. Clinton St., started an animal rescue in 2000 before opening her pet shop in 2004.

"Some animals really need [fostering]," she said as one of the store's many cats settled in her lap. "Foster animals are usually very young. They may be sick or just need some human interaction."

Pet Central Station is one of the pet stores in Iowa City that allows individuals to become foster parents to their animals, most of them cats.

"We try to meet people's needs," Meester said. "If the person lives in an apartment, we try to give her or him a smaller animal that doesn't make a lot of noise. If they're allergic to cats, we'll try to give them a dog."

Meester said that besides college students, her most popular clientele are parents with small children who want their children to interact with animals before the family commits to buying a pet.

Ashman is one of the few individuals who is fully licensed by the state to foster numerous animals at a time. She said that she had to negotiate with the state and make her own set of regulations that the state agreed to.

"It wasn't too difficult," said the owner of 35 cats. "I set my own standards and made sure that they would be above and beyond what the state of Iowa would expect from me."

Ashman's standards include surprise home inspections, keeping the shelter informed on



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan
Janet Ashman cuddles Spot as Toby (right) stands on a footstool in the living room of her Iowa City home late Monday night. Ashman's home is also home to 12 cats that she provides foster care for until they are adopted.

a regular basis about how many animals she has at any given time, and keeping the animals up to date on their shots and vaccinations. The Johnson County Humane Society, the organization that Ashman worked through, paid for the treatment of the animals.

care of the animals, although she knows she can only keep them for a short while. When asked exactly how many animals she has at present, she said, "I have plenty [of pets]. But I'll always take on another animal that needs help."

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UI sets sights on mall

YOUNKERS

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In a presentation to regents Tuesday, UI officials said they hope to eventually purchase the remaining second floor mall space.

They did not purchase additional second-floor space in the current contract, university representatives said, because there was no "immediate" issue that required it.

But they said action to buy the area could be taken at a later date.

The UI will require additional space to relocate offices that will move when

construction starts on a new recreation building on the intersection of Burlington and Madison Streets, they said.

Purchase of both floors of the space formerly occupied by Younkers will cost the university \$11.25 million, to be paid over a 20-year span.

Planners would place International Programs, the English as a Second Language program, UI Hospitals and Clinics Joint Office of Patient Financial Services, and two classrooms in the space that would be ready for use in January or February, said Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations.

The space left vacant by the

moving departments will be used for expansion of other department and temporary space for departments undergoing renovation, he said.

The space in the Old Capitol mall opened when Younkers shut down in February following a December announcement from corporate headquarters that the store would close in order to "focus resources on the most productive locations."

Much of the mall's second floor has remained vacant since a mass exodus following the opening of the Coral Ridge Mall in 1998.

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Officials bicker over Herbarium

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collection at the UI, testified that ISU faculty and staff used a "damaging" method to package the samples and accidentally left some specimens behind when the Herbarium was transferred. Horton and UI senior Tom Madsen, who also testified, called the current ISU Herbarium "nonfunctional" and "haphazard," saying a lack of organization made it difficult to locate specific specimens.

ISU curator Deb Lewis disagreed with Horton's and Madsen's statements, contending that she and other movers followed protocol to transport the samples. Lewis told the court she did not see any plants damaged in the transfer, adding that when she arrived at the UI to take the samples to Ames, buckets to collect water from a leaky roof sat directly atop the Herbarium cases.

Former UI President Mary Sue Coleman approved the Herbarium's transfer to ISU in 2002, citing financial difficulties in

maintaining the facility. UI students, faculty, and the general public had used the collection for more than 100 years for research and plant identification.

Horton, Madsen, and other members of a nonprofit organization, Friends of the University of Iowa Herbarium, protested the specimens' transfer to interim President Sandy Boyd and current President David Skorton, but were unsuccessful.

The group then filed a petition in 6th District Court, arguing that the collection, which Horton valued at \$4 million, was vital to education and research at the UI and that samples donated to the institution belong in Iowa City.

At one point, Horton paused in her testimony and began to cry.

"To take this collection away from here, it destroys a lot of what this collection is about," she said. "It was wrong. I felt I had to try to stop it."

Horton said UI administrators should not have allowed the relocation without her consent as acting curator, but she acknowl-

edged under questioning by Assistant Iowa Attorney General George Carroll that she didn't have any documentation expressly stating her curatorial duties.

The associate professor of biology told the court that the costs of retaining the Herbarium were "minimal."

"There's no question that it would be far less expensive to leave the collection here," Horton said.

Lewis admitted that she originally thought the Herbari-

um should stay in Iowa City but that Ames was the second-best option. ISU made approximately \$200,000 of renovations to its existing Herbarium, she said.

Skorton, ISU Herbarium curator Lynn Clark, UI biology department Chairman Jack Lilien, Linda Maxson, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and UI student Nicole Bruskewitz are scheduled to testify today.

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Lottery touts its new video games

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"It's a creative and reasonable way for customers to play lottery," he said.

The Touch Play machines are netting \$400,000 for the state; officials estimate that they will generate approximately \$20 million, Hrdlicka said.

Cedar Rapids resident John Spencer, a first time Touch Play customer, lost \$5 within three minutes on one game of Wild Card Spin.

He described his first shot at Touch Play as "all right."

Miller, who has worked for

Kum & Go for approximately one year, said the store sees a varying number of people using the Touch Play machines each day.

"I wouldn't say it helps any more business, because there are a lot of people who don't think they need to be in convenience stores," he said.

Hrdlicka said that the highest amount of money won on the Touch Play machines in the state is the \$7,500 jackpot.

When asked if the lotto machines were rigged, Miller had no comment.

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GUEST OPINION

Debunking myths about professional & scientific unionization

Per UI President David Skorton's letter to members of the university community, I encourage all staff to become engaged and knowledgeable about organizing a professional and scientific staff union.

Unfortunately, David Shafer and Jason Alexander, quoted in a June 10 *Daily Iowan* article about union opposition, are woefully uninformed about the benefits of having such a union. They apparently don't know that the organized health-care professionals at UI Hospitals and Clinics are also "highly skilled professional and scientific professionals, working at one of the nation's leading universities with ... incomparable benefits." One of the differences between the organized and the unorganized is that we have our benefits guaranteed in writing. We don't have to negotiate our working conditions, pay, and benefits one-on-one. We have the power of 2,300 UIHC staff members in our bargaining unit.

We are a membership-driven organization. Our union is not a third party. Our union is us. We, the members, democratically elect our leadership.

As members of the UIHC chapter of Service Employees International Union Local 199, our chapter represents more than 60 different classifications. Despite the diversity of our unit — or perhaps because of it — we have negotiated our contract to ensure that even the smallest department is informed and included.

Many of us were new to the labor movement when we organized in 1998. Most of us were surprised that so many of our issues were the same, but we discovered that they really could be addressed in a contract. Protecting

workers from exploitation and unsafe working conditions is not a thing of the past. We hear from many unorganized UI staff that they are exploited, required to work many hours of overtime or to be on call 24 hours per day and seven days per week, with no additional compensation.

When we organized in 1998, we were told that jobs and benefits would have to be cut in order to "afford" the raises. It didn't happen. We have seen our base salaries increase at three to 10 times the rate of our union dues every year since 1999, and we've increased other benefits. Cuts were not made to "afford" these raises. We can say that confidently, because, as union members, we have access to the books to ensure that raises are never traded off for jobs.

Although we derive personal benefit from the many guarantees of a union contract, our greatest satisfactions come from empowering our members. We have a voice in our working conditions, including health and safety issues.

Benjamin Franklin said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Professional and scientific raises on average have not kept up with inflation or with comparable jobs at other Big Ten universities. Isn't it time to do something different? We took the plunge in 1998 and have never looked back.

Vote yes for the union.

Marjie Caruth
UIHC dietician

LETTERS

Support staff-unionization effort

I agree with Duncan Stewart's June 13 letter to the editor in which he refutes anti-union misstatements. I would add that all the usual union-bashing disinformation has been soundly refuted twice in recent memory here at the UI — once by the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students for graduate-student employees, and once by the Service Employees International Union for nurses.

I like my professional/scientific job very much, and I have a fantastic working relationship with my supervisors.

I wouldn't jeopardize that for anything, and in fact it is partly because I value my job that I will vote "yes" in the union election. Other reasons for this include:

- As a former COGS member, I know that union benefits are great, and the anti-union arguments are as false and misleading as they were in the COGS campaign (déjà vu);

- As a professional/scientific employee, I want to protect my job and benefits, support a career track for research assistants, and gain protections for those of my co-workers whose jobs may not be so nice as mine;

- As a citizen, I welcome the opportunity to participate in the labor movement, which has fought against child labor and other forms of exploitation, and has fought

for such lovely traditions as the 40-hour week, the weekend, and innumerable health and safety regulations among its many, many important contributions to the quality of working life in America. Voting "yes" for the union will be the

right thing to do — and if you would like to enjoy the protections and benefits without contributing dues, Iowa's anti-labor laws give you that opportunity. How can you lose? I voted "yes" for COGS to represent graduate

employees, and I will vote "yes" for the Service Employees International Union to represent professional and scientific staff.

Michael Evces
UI employee



STAFF EDITORIAL

Troubles with U.S. military recruitment understandable

Last week, the U.S. Army announced that it missed its recruiting goals for the fourth-consecutive month, bringing this year's shortfall to nearly 40 percent. It doesn't take an expert in military science to guess why.

With more than 1,700 American casualties — two dozen of whom were from Iowa — and no end to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq in sight, men and women of high-school and college age are increasingly invoking their democratic right to turn their back on the government and its military.

That's understandable. Enough of our peers have died in this increasingly unpopular (and unnecessary) war as it is, and that's without consideration for the numbers returning with such serious injuries as dismemberment, posttraumatic stress syndrome, and sexual-assault trauma (the U.S. Department of Defense acknowledges 1,700 reports of sexual assault against service women in 2004, up from 1,012 in 2003 and 901 in 2002).

Add to this that the government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy concerning gays and lesbians serving in the military goes against the nondiscrimination statement of this university, and there's rationality behind some community members who cast a critical eye on military recruiters who visit this campus. Of course, students with military aspirations certainly have a right to access a recruiter, but antiwar activists have an equal right to protest an institution that they perceive to be unjust.

Campus counter-recruitment actions started in January at Seattle Central Community College, and they have continued since at the City College of New York, San Francisco State University, Yale Law School, and right here at the UI. One of the barriers to counter-recruitment activism was the 1996 Solomon Amendment, which threatened schools with the loss of federal

funding if they banned recruiters and ROTC. On Nov. 29 of last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit ruled that the Solomon Amendment violated free-speech rights. The Justice Department is appealing the ruling.

The Army is making huge efforts to reverse this year's negative recruitment trend. Last week, the *Washington Post* reported that proposals under consideration in the Pentagon to increase recruitment and retention include doubling the maximum enlistment bonus to \$40,000 for troops in high-demand jobs, raising the age limit for active-duty Army recruits from 35 to 40, allowing first-term soldiers with drug-abuse, poor-conduct, and general problems to remain on active duty, and accepting enlistees who lack high-school diplomas.

But mainstream America appears to be turning against the war in Iraq, making any proposed solutions likely futile. Two-thirds of Americans believe the number of casualties in Iraq are unacceptable, with 60 percent saying the war was not worth fighting, according to a *Washington Post-ABC News* poll. Six in 10 want to bring some or all of our troops home now, according to a Gallup Poll released Monday, and numerous stories have been published with quotes from senior military officials questioning whether the war in Iraq can be won.

We support American troops, which is why we want them at home with their families instead of fighting overseas in a war that cannot end in victory. The military's discriminatory policies against the gay and lesbian community and its inability to solve its internal sexual-assault problems are deeply troubling, as are stories of prisoner mistreatment at such places as Guantánamo Bay. Until we see positive and tangible steps made toward resolving these issues, we don't expect to see recruitment numbers increase to any remarkable level.

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ON THE SPOT

Has your opinion of the war in Iraq changed since it began?



"No, I agree with the war. I'm in the Air Force; I support the president and our troops."

Sydney Ault
UI incoming freshman



"My brother joined the military, so I'm more concerned than I used to be."

Ryan Lindsley
UI junior



"It has dragged on longer than I expected."

Jordan Mayer
UI graduate



"Because it has been going on so long, I want everyone to come home."

Sarah Hartung
UI incoming freshman

Autonomy and security

The latest media analysis of public support for President Bush's ownership society suggests that some Americans want to strike a balance between his vision of a society that thinks like investors and the various forms of social insurance that currently exist.

Few people say they do not like the notion of economic autonomy. Not many resist the sense of responsibility that ownership is supposed to instill. As former Social Security Commissioner Bill Halter put it when he met with the *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board in the spring to speak out against Bush's proposal for private retirement accounts, "I don't know any American who doesn't believe in the ownership society."



ANNIE SHUPPY

Indeed, ownership can feel phenomenal. During a spring-break trip to New York City, it occurred to me that I could be a poster girl for what is proving to be the theme of Bush's second-term economic agenda. There I was — shopping for shoes at Saks Fifth Avenue on my own dime during a vacation that my parents couldn't veto because I was spending my money, not theirs — when it became clear why so many conservatives and libertarians love the independence that comes with ownership.

This ideology is partially rooted in the writings of mid-20th century economist Friedrich Hayek, who advocated that excessive government intervention in markets is both inefficient and hinders freedom. White House fact sheets and Bush speeches explain the collective benefits of individual ownership by arguing that because people have far more stake in their personal assets than in public goods, ownership promotes responsibility. On a more personal level, people enjoy the sense of freedom and dignity that comes with economic autonomy (and perhaps will reward the Republicans for it at the polls), so the argument goes.

Yet I still cannot ignore one major source of security in my life that mimics the role of Social Security and public health-insurance programs for many Americans — parents who are still willing to help me when I need it. A combination of scholarships, a small inheritance, and long hours editing this paper have allowed me to ease the financial burden I place on my parents, just as many Americans have a number of other investments besides Social Security to use for retirement.

However, if some type of emergency or situation that would limit my income-earning potential (i.e., graduate school or an unpaid internship) would arise, I would still have my parents. Many UI students are not nearly so fortunate as I am and could not pay their monthly bills if not for their parents. Maybe it is easier to see now why many Americans have a hard time letting go of what a *Business Week* article last month described as the "safety net."

To Bush supporters' credit, the peace of mind that comes with social insurance is costly. Some social-insurance programs have a foreseeable life span or are structured so some people will pay into the system more than they will ever get out. More importantly, they are going to continue to push for reform regardless.

But the specter of moral hazard also looms in an ownership society. As economics professors explain it, you're more likely to engage in high-risk (or at least less-than-optimally-responsible) behavior if you know you have some protection or backup. My moral hazard exists in the form of a penchant for \$260 Miu Miu heels.

Bush detractors argue that current social programs eliminate moral hazards, because individuals do not have control over the money that goes into, for example, Social Security. It seems libertarians could easily turn this argument around, however, by pointing out that because some people have relied on social insurance for so long, they do not know how to make good financial decisions.

Simplistic answers are not going to placate either side of this argument. While I agree that every American should feel the thrill of economic independence, I can sympathize with the reluctance of some to let go of their safety net. ■

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MARY KAY ZURAVLEFF, author of *Frequency of Souls*, will read from her new novel, *The Bowl is Already Broken*. Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., 8 p.m.

Chart-friendly warm play

BY LAYNE GABRIEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's not exactly *A Rush of Blood to the Head*. Nor is it *Parachutes*.

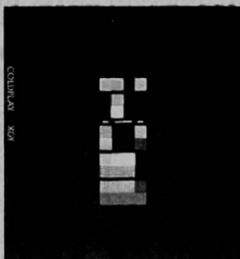
Yet Coldplay's newest endeavor, *X & Y*, is similar to the band's previous two releases since its blossoming popularity began in 2001 with the track "Yellow."

The greatly anticipated album can be expected to fulfill any Coldplay fan's wants, with the band's classic slow-paced songs and thoughtful lyrics.

Few of the tracks stick out as Coldplay classics, yet the entire album can be seen as a success by the European band.

The album is clearly full of singles that will allow the band to hit the charts worldwide, while the rest of the tracks fit smoothly among the material that has been deemed single-worthy.

With the assistance of radio and MTV, *X & Y*'s standout tracks will catapult the album's success, which can be expected, judging by the critical acclaim following



CD REVIEW
Coldplay
X & Y

★★★ out of ★★★★★

Coldplay's previous albums, "Speed of Sound" and "Square One" feel like they could have fit on any of Coldplay's previous albums, and "A Message" and "X & Y" reflect the bands' successful standard of melodic rock and pondering poetry.

Coldplay remains consistent throughout the record. Having to live up to the hype following

the critically acclaimed *Rush of Blood to the Head* may not have been easy for the band, but the group's new release stays within Coldplay's loosely defined boundaries as a rock group.

While America and Great Britain can be expected to put *X & Y* on the charts, Coldplay has a right to be there. The band's material is solid, and listeners notice.

Its third album lives up to the hype and fits right into the niche the band has carved for itself on both sides of the pond.

For Coldplay fans and newbies alike, the album carries an appeal — the tracks are well thought-out and have a distinctive tone, which has been part of Coldplay's appeal for years.

The band has achieved yet another cohesive, affective album while adjusting to the desires of music fans, and *X & Y* gives the band yet another opportunity for recognition.

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AN OASIS OF POP



Publicity Photo

Brit-rock favorite Oasis returns to record shelves with the release of its newest album May 31.

BY LAYNE GABRIEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Oh Oasis, you were so cool back, in like, junior high.

What's that, you say? A new album?

No, no, this must be wrong. I must have accidentally clicked on the Velvet Underground and Nico (that one album with the banana cover art by Andy Warhol). Is iTunes deceiving me? Apparently not.

Don't Believe the Truth certainly doesn't sound like the Oasis I remember — the band that so mercilessly ripped off the Beatles (yet somehow didn't make me hate it) — but it appears the band's influences have merely shifted. From apparent inspiration that spans the likes of Lou Reed's classic glam-rock band (that would be Velvet Underground) to the White Stripes, the record is acoustic, electric, fun, and surprisingly complete.

Sometimes Brit-rock is Brit-rock is Brit-rock. Oasis sounds like Blur sounds like Coldplay. Yet there's always something about it that makes it unique.

Don't Believe the Truth jumps all over the map in the state



CD REVIEW

Oasis
Don't Believe the Truth

★★★ out of ★★★★★

that is Oasis; it may span styles, but it remains true to the band's overall sound. The record is clearly an Oasis record.

I find myself bobbing my head to the overwhelmingly poppy "Lyla," which is apparently the first single from the record. The track has what I can only call a "pleasant" sound, but I wouldn't doubt whether, if this album takes off, "Lyla" will be overplayed faster than "Hey Ya" (but don't get me wrong, I

love "Hey Ya" — and I'm pretty fond of this "Lyla" song, too).

"Love Like a Bomb" is more of your classic Oasis track. Lots of la-la-las — or is it nah-nah-nahs? It has a shuffling psychedelic instrumentation and the long, comfortable drone of British vocals.

The final track, "Let There Be Love," is the only real ballad on the album, and, of course, because it closes out the record in a classic fashion, it makes *Don't Believe the Truth* feel like a whole unit. It's the most Beatlesque track, complete with piano, jangly percussion, and a series of ebbs and swells.

Nearly the entire album is upbeat. There's no truly horrible lyrical faux pas to complain about. Is it possible that Oasis won me back?

Don't Believe the Truth will have some real estate on my coveted hard-drive space for at least a while, because the album is pretty enjoyable, even if it is on a fairly simple level.

I may not have anticipated that the record would capture me, but the truth is that I dig it — it's up to you whether you want to believe me or not.

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Giving monkeys a black eye



CD REVIEW

Black Eyed Peas
Monkey Business

★½ out of ★★★★★

BY LAYNE GABRIEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Black Eyed Peas always seemed like a promising band — its music is energetic, the band members are interesting to look at, and their televised performances are truly a spectacle — but it's safe to say that the Black Eyed Peas' most recent endeavor, *Monkey Business*, is severely lacking.

It's a band that only lets the public see its best — and hides the subpar tracks deep within albums that are full of hype.

By far, the best tracks on the record are "Pump It" and "Don't Phunk With My Heart," which have both been featured on commercials and compose the album's opening two tracks.

The album takes a quick downturn that even Justin Timberlake can't prevent while providing guest vocals on the third song, "My Life." There are a host of celebrity cameos (including Sting, Jack Johnson, Q-Tip, and James Brown, of all people), but none can fill the holes on this sinking ship.

Monkey Business turns out to be repetitive and tedious. Only two of the 15 tracks are worth keeping in your iTunes library — maybe a few others would make good background music to social gatherings, but as a cohesive unit meant to be listened to in one sitting, the album fails.

Tracks such as "My Humps" try desperately to jump on the bandwagon of summer booty-shaking songs, but the lyrics

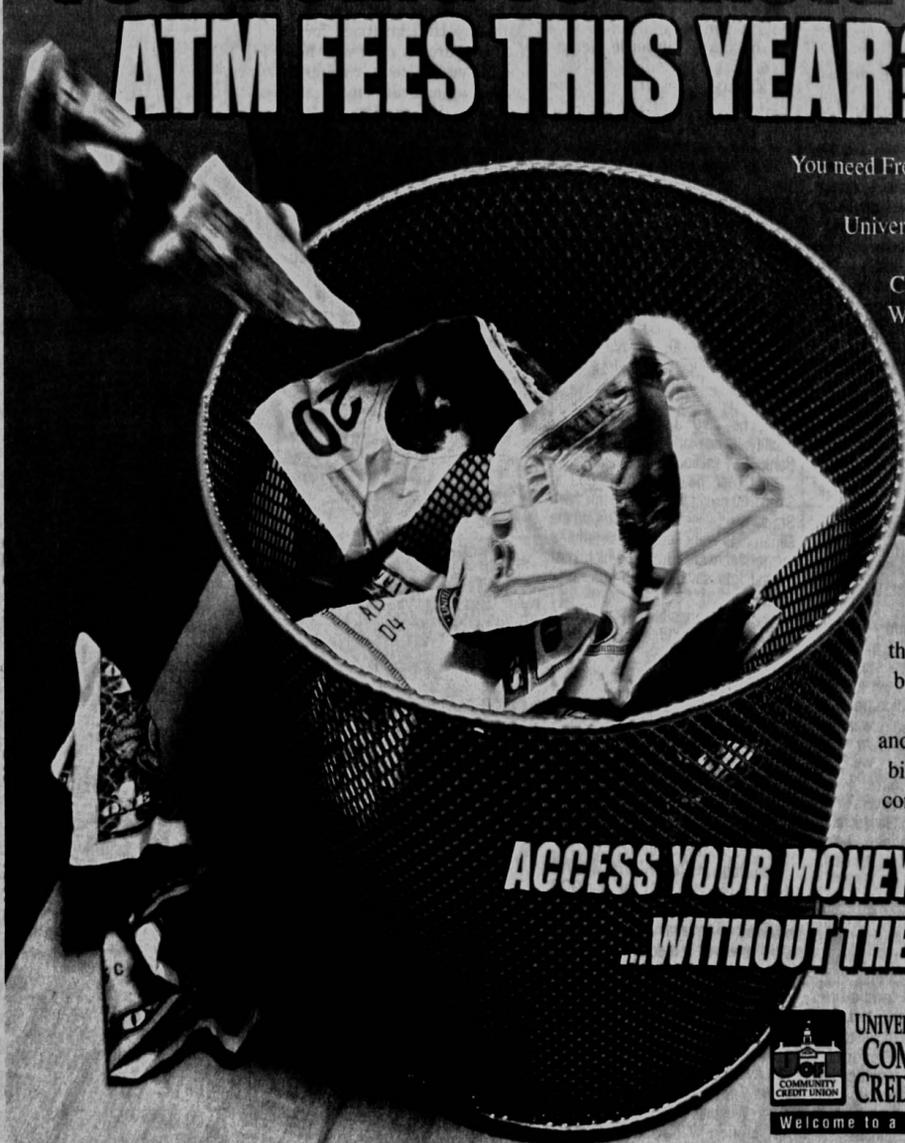
are so cheesy that a crowd on the dance floor would scoff at vocalist Fergie's chanting of "My hump, my hump, my hump, [etc.], my lovely lady lumps."

The album covers a variety of styles — some dictated by the guest musicians, others seemingly chosen arbitrarily — and initially appears decent.

All in all, *Monkey Business* leaves a sour aftertaste.

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NEWS

Suicide bomber kills 24 in northern Iraq



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A pool of blood is seen where a roadside bomb blast killed at least 18 people in the northern town of Kirkuk, Iraq, on Tuesday. The bomb exploded near a queue of people waiting outside the Rafidain Bank in downtown Kirkuk.

BY ANDY MOSHER AND MARWAN ANI
WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD — A man standing in a line of people waiting for government paychecks in northern Iraq detonated a bomb strapped to his waist on Tuesday, killing himself and at least 23 others, many of them elderly pensioners and children selling wares in a nearby market.

The devastating blast in Kirkuk wounded more than 80 people and left surrounding streets "full of blood of the wounded and killed," one survivor, Nawzad Omar, 50, said afterward at a local hospital.

The Ansar al-Sunna Army, one of the most violent insurgent groups in Iraq, asserted responsibility for the bombing, the Associated Press reported.

South of Kirkuk, in the town of Kanaan, a suicide car bomber killed five Iraqi soldiers at a road checkpoint, and a mortar attack left the town's police station in flames, AP reported. And in western Anbar province, in Habbaniya, police found 24 bodies dumped in two separate areas.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, reported that two Army soldiers attached to a Marine unit were killed Monday near the western city of Ramadi when an explosive device struck their vehicle. A roadside bombing killed an American soldier Tuesday in southern Baghdad.

Kirkuk, an oil-rich city situated approximately 160

miles north of Baghdad, is home to a mix of ethnic Arabs, Kurds, and Turkmen, and it has been a scene of frequent violence in the past two years. Under Saddam Hussein's rule, the government expelled Kurds by the thousands and re-populated the city with Arabs. But with the fall of Saddam in April 2003 and Kurdish parties' strong showing in national elections this year, Kurds have returned to Kirkuk and are seeking to make it the capital of their autonomous northern region.

Kirkuk Police Chief Maj. Gen. Torhan Yousif said the bomber was carrying more than 100 pounds of explosives when he joined a line of people waiting to pick up their paychecks at the government-run Rafidain Bank. When he detonated the device, the explosion killed and wounded civilians, police officers, and employees of local political parties. It also severely damaged the bank and surrounding shops.

AP reported that children and street vendors selling products including sugar and kitchen utensils were among those killed, according to Capt. Salam Zangana, an official at the hospital where the victims were being brought.

"Enough killing and terrorism — enough bloodshed," cried Umm Khalid, looking for her son, a newspaper vendor. "We became tired, and we want for God to help the Iraqi people."

Yousif said that the bank and the line outside had been heavily guarded Tuesday but that the bomber somehow skirted the security forces.

"This is considered a major security flaw, for which all the security plans should be looked over again," he said.

A recent succession of grisly discoveries by Iraqi authorities continued on Monday when police discovered 17 bodies 80 miles west of Baghdad and another seven near Hit, about 95 northwest of the capital. None was immediately identified.

Four of the 17 bodies found by Iraqi soldiers had been beheaded, according to Abdul Munim Ahmed, a physician at a hospital in nearby Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province.

In Hit, the head of the local hospital, Ahmed Jarrallah, said two of the seven bodies discovered there were women, and both had been beheaded. A statement posted at a mosque in Hit asserted that the seven had been killed by members of the Ansar al-Sunna Army. The statement called the victims "traitors" who had "been helping the occupier fight the holy warriors" by working as private contractors who supplied cement.

Iraq's government announced Tuesday that security forces had captured a man who built explosive devices for roadside explosives and car bombs.

Jassim Hazan Hamadi Bazi, also known as Abu Ahmed, was described in a government statement as a key member of a Qaeda cell who crafted and sold bombs at an electronics repair shop in Balad. Bazi was apprehended on June 7, the statement said.

Forest shrinks as Amazon crops grow

IRANTXE RESERVE, Brazil (Washington Post) — The canoe floated across a current so clear that each pebble shimmered in the riverbed beneath. Farther downstream, the river plunged over a sheer waterfall, where a rainbow arched in the mist. The five Irantxe tribesmen landed their vessel and followed a trail through a dense stand of jatoba trees.

When they emerged after 50 yards, the landscape no longer looked anything like the southern edge of the Amazon forest. It looked like Iowa.

Corn and soybean fields extended to the horizon. Seven

green John Deere combines were parked near a farmhouse.

"If we were an aggressive tribe, we would have killed the land owners already," said Tupxi, one of the canoeists, who estimated his age at 77.

"But we're peaceful, and we don't want to fight. So all of this has been lost."

The tribe's reserve is a forested island surrounded by thoroughly conquered farmland. It sits in the middle of Mato Grosso, a state whose booming agricultural sector has helped Brazil challenge the U.S. position as the world's top exporter of soybeans and beef.

In the process, however, Mato Grosso has become the capital of Amazon deforestation. Much of the

forest has been cut down, often illegally, and turned into grazing pastures and soy fields.

The state's governor, Blairo Maggi, owns the world's largest soy exporting company.

In 2004, Amazon tree-cutting reached its highest level in a decade: More than 10,000 square miles, an area the size of Belgium, were cut down, according to government statistics released two weeks ago. Mato Grosso, one of five Amazonian states, accounted for 48 percent of the overall deforestation.

Environmental groups slammed authorities for lax regulation and accused Maggi of sacrificing natural treasures for agricultural wealth.

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Rich senators eyeing White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators eyeing the White House are a well-heeled lot.

Republican leader Bill Frist, the Tennessee heart surgeon whose father founded a hospital chain, has blind trusts valued between \$7 million and \$35 million, a significant chunk of cash if he opts to use some of his finances to start a 2008 presidential bid.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., earned nearly \$2.4 million in book royalties from her memoirs while receiving income from a blind trust valued at \$5 million to \$25 million that she holds jointly with her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

The Clintons, who once owed millions in legal fees to lawyers who argued their case in Whitewater and impeachment investigations, have paid off the last of their debts from the probes.

Details about senators' monetary gains, losses, overseas travel, exotic gifts — even a Hollywood turn — are contained in the annual financial disclosure forms that provide a glimpse into lawmakers' personal lives and bank statements.

Overall, the Senate lived up to its reputation as the millionaires' club, with several potential presidential candidates clearly in the top tax brackets.

Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, a potential Democratic presidential candidate, derived the bulk of his personal income from his Senate

salary of \$158,100. His wife Susan's business dealings overshadowed that income.

While Frist has millions in a blind trust, he also disclosed a major liability: a line of credit at Suntrust Bank of \$1 million to \$5 million.

Last year, he listed a \$50,000 to \$100,000 credit line at the bank. Nick Smith, a spokesman for Frist, said the senator is renovating his father's former Tennessee home, which Frist moved into several years ago, after his father died.

Another possible Republican presidential candidate, Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas, has a blind trust worth \$1 million to \$5 million as well as bank accounts, stock, and a 335-acre grain farm in Linn County in the eastern part of Kansas. The farm generated \$7,530 in income last year.

As a fallback, Brownback owns a Washington, D.C., condominium, and he rents a room to fellow Republican Sen. Jim Talent of Missouri, at a cost of \$2,500-\$5,000 annually.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who fell short in his 2000 bid for the GOP presidential nomination but is expected to try again in three years, had several media contracts stemming from the film version of his book, *Faith of My Fathers*.

McCain also will hit the big screen this summer.

The senator listed an agreement with Avery Pix, Inc., to appear in the movie *The Wedding Crashers* with Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, and Christopher Walken. Money that McCain makes from the July movie — slogan, "Life's a party. Crash it" — will go to designated charities.

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calendar

- "Stories in the Park," Dan Zanes with Shalar Brown and Debb Green, Hancher Education Programming, 10:30 a.m., Willow Creek Park, 1117 Teg Drive; rain location, Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn St.
- "Songwriting for Kids Workshop (grades 2-6), Dan Zanes, Hancher Education Programming, 1 p.m., Public Library.
- "Playground Fountain Drum Circle," Dan Zanes with Rhonda Miller and the Yahoo Drummers, Hancher Education Programming, 3:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall.
- Farmers' Market, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Chauncey Swan Park, Gilbert and Washington Streets.

- Dan Zanes and Saul Lubaroff Trio, Hancher Education Programming, 6 p.m., downtown Farmer's Market.
- Hanlan, Lake, and Murphy, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.
- Making a Connection diversity event, 7 p.m., Siren, 124 S. Dubuque St.
- Notre Musique, 7 p.m., Bijou.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Mary Kay Zuravleff, fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUL.

- Standard Air (jazz), 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.
- Open Jam, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St.
- Schultze Gets the Blues, 9 p.m., Bijou.
- Bill Anthony: Fine Binder, Museum of Art Hoover-Paul Gallery.
- Aging in America: The Years Ahead (photo exhibit), UIHC Colleton Pavilion.
- Society of Automotive Engineers Digital Human Modeling Conference, time TBA, Seamans Center; contact 335-5764 or www.engineering.uiowa.edu/calendar/index.html.

the ledge

WANTED: WORST SUMMER JOBS

- by John Croty
- Artificial insemination of lions: No anesthesia used. Applicant will spend first few weeks gaining animal's trust, then spring into action when it first turns its back. Must have warm personality, quick hands.
 - Towel boy: Semi-professional body builder seeking towel boy to wipe sweat off weight machines during warmer months. Other duties include application of spray on tan, scrubbing stains out of tank-tops, and occasional help with shaving.
 - Gravedigger: Night shift.
 - Camp counselor: Three-month position at a "second chance" summer camp for juvenile gang members with ADD and body odor.
 - Errand runner: Personal assistant to pompous, self-made millionaire. Must be current college student born with silver spoon in mouth. Expect daily abuse and admonishments about work ethic of today's youth. Benefits: A taste of life in the real world, you spoiled brat.

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quote of the day

“We believe the ride is safe in its current configuration.”

— Disney spokeswoman Jacquee Polak, after a 4-year-old boy died after a spin on Disney World's Mission: Space ride. AP reports that the ride is so intense that some riders have been taken to the hospital with chest pains.

horoscopes

Wednesday, June 15, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be restless today. Anxiety may lead to an impulsive action. Don't make a decision that will alter your personal life. Live with your situation for a while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Concentrate on what you can accomplish professionally. Make a personal change, and you will get everyone around you talking about what you have done. Social activity should be high on your list.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Money can be made, and career changes are looking positive. An opportunity you don't expect will surface, so be prepared to take advantage of it. Emotional matters can be taken care of quickly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is the perfect day to stick around home and putter. Getting too involved in other people's business will backfire, causing you grief. An impulse buy will turn out to be even better than you imagined.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Something may catch your eye that will lead you in a new direction today. Personal advances can be made if there is someone you want to get to know better. A secret affair may be exciting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything will depend on how much you impress the people who count. Someone may oppose you, but if you are well-prepared, you will get enough support without that person's help. Change is coming your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be emotional. Conversations will lead to comments that leave you feeling down and out. You have to ignore people who are probably just jealous of what you have accomplished. Don't get involved in anything that could damage your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have all sorts of interesting prospects coming your way. Get involved in an event that will help you meet other creative people. You have lots of talent, and it's time you put it to good use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll have plenty to be happy about today. Money can be made through a good deal or venture you get involved in. An unusual proposition may lead you astray — stick to what you know will work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is such a great day to take part in something of a serious nature. Joining a political, humanitarian, or environmental group will help raise your profile and could easily result in a leadership position.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is plenty going on around you, so be a participant and have a little fun. Change will stimulate your mind and get you thinking about new possibilities. Romance is looking good.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Some changes can be made regarding your personal finances. Get involved, and meet new people. Travel, educational pursuits, or getting together with knowledgeable people will lead to interesting experiences.

news you need to know

Friday — Undergraduates: Last day to late register, add, or drop courses without a W, add or change P-N, or audit status
— Graduates: Last day to late register or add courses, add or change S-U status
— Withdrawal of entire 8-week Summer Session registration after today, students held to 100% of tuition and mandatory fees
June 20 — Last day for 8-week Summer Session students to drop individual courses or reduce hours in order to affect tuition and fee assessments and fee adjustments for withdrawal

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PATV

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 PATV Fundraiser @ the Mill Pt. 2
- 12:40 p.m. In Praise of the Family Farm
- 2 First United Methodist Church
- 3 Demolishing Hope
- 4 Our Redeemer Church
- 5 Construction Video
- 5:30 Education Nebraska
- 6 Ripitup Sports! Live

- 7 Sports Opinion
- 8 PATV Reserved: Premières
- 9 White Privilege Conference '05
- 9:45 West High Track Highlights
- 10 Veg Video
- 11 Medium
- 11:30 Cold & Grey
- Midnight IC Microcinema Presents
- 12:30 a.m. Blue Swim

UITV schedule

- 3 p.m. "Live from Prairie Lights," Jeremy Jackson
- 4 The UI Finkbine Awards Dinner
- 5 Seeing War at a Distance: Photography from Antietam to Abu Ghraib
- 6:30 College of Education presents Engaging the Community — Art Education
- 6:55 "Live from Prairie Lights," Jeremy Jackson

- 7:55 The UI Finkbine Awards Dinner
- 8:58 The Commercialization of Childhood: How Marketers Are Remaking Kids' Lives
- 10 "Live from Prairie Lights," Jeremy Jackson
- 11 SCOLA — Evening News from France (English subtitles)
- 11:30 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa City Shorts No. 1

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

Little University

- 1 What Caribbean nation tried to shoot down a private plane carrying Jimmy Buffett and Bono, mistaking them for drug traffickers?
- 2 What zippy brand name did Microsoft create to mark its OLE "componentware" controls?
- 3 What puppet from "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" popularized the catchphrase "for me to poop on"?
- 4 What Toyota mini-SUV won *Popular Science's* "Best of What's New" award in 1996?
- 5 What 6-year-old was buried with a teddy bear in Marietta, Ga., wearing her beauty pageant outfit and tiara?

1. Jamaica
2. ActiveX
3. Muppets
4. The RAV4
5. JonBenet Ramsey

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Edited by Will Shortz

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ACROSS

- 1 Term of affection for 37-Across
- 5 Arborist's concern
- 9 Daily delivery
- 13 "Beowulf" and "Paradise Lost"
- 15 Optimistic
- 16 Deutsche article
- 17 Office of 37-Across
- 19 Recommended amount
- 20 Indefatigable
- 21 Persian Gulf ship
- 22 Football gains or losses: Abbr.
- 23 Home for 37-Across
- 26 Ocean's bottom
- 27 Feel remorse for
- 28 Adolescent's outbreak
- 31 Former Israeli P.M.
- 37 Leader elected in 2005
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- 41 "Quickly!"
- 42 Sch. in Tulsa
- 43 Really bad coffee
- 45 Title for 37-Across
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- 54 Good way to go out
- 55 Subject to sanctions, maybe
- 57 Party of the first part?
- 58 Predecessor of 37-Across
- 60 Stir up
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- 63 Tyne of "Judging Amy"
- 64 Kind of blocker
- 65 Coastal raptors

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- 1 Small-minded
- 2 Sap sucker
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- 5 Secret engagement
- 6 Martini's partner
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- 8 Storm part
- 9 Battlefield shout
- 10 Garlicky spread
- 11 Atlas enlargement
- 12 Distrustful
- 14 Figure out
- 18 ___ poisoning
- 21 Last non-A.D. year
- 24 Boorish
- 25 BMW competitor
- 26 Red shade
- 28 Police alert, for short
- 29 Miler Sebastian
- 30 "Morning Edition" airer
- 31 Tedium
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- 33 Just slightly
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- 45 Squirrel away
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- 48 Comfortable
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- 50 Nine: Prefix
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	36	26	.574	—
Boston	32	29	.524	3
Toronto	32	33	.492	6 1/2
New York	31	32	.492	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	22	43	.338	16 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	42	22	.656	—
Minnesota	37	25	.597	4
Cleveland	32	30	.516	9
Detroit	29	32	.475	11 1/2
Kansas City	22	41	.349	19 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	37	26	.587	—
Texas	34	29	.540	3
Seattle	27	35	.435	9 1/2
Oakland	26	37	.413	11

NBA PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press
All Times CDT

NBA FINALS (Best-of-7)
San Antonio vs. Detroit
Thursday, June 9
San Antonio 84, Detroit 69
Sunday, June 12
San Antonio 97, Detroit 76

Tuesday's Game
Detroit 98, San Antonio 79, San Antonio leads series 2-1

Thursday, June 16
San Antonio at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 19
San Antonio at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21
Detroit at San Antonio, 8 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, June 23
Detroit at San Antonio, 8 p.m., if necessary

No Wimbledon for Agassi

BY CHRIS LEHOURITES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Andre Agassi withdrew from Wimbledon because of an injury for the second-straight year Tuesday, leaving fans to wonder whether they'll ever see him play again at the All England Club.

The 1992 Wimbledon champion and 1999 runner-up sent a fax to the grass-court Grand Slam tournament saying he was out.

An exact injury wasn't announced by organizers, and Agassi's agent didn't immediately return phone messages. But Agassi was hobbled by an inflamed nerve in his back during his 7-5, 4-6, 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-0 loss to qualifier Jarkko Nieminen in the first round of the French Open last month.

"It was getting worse by the minute," the 35-year-old Agassi said after that loss in Paris. "I knew it wasn't going to be pretty after that. But I didn't want to walk off. I just didn't want to do it. And there's nothing the trainer could do."

He endured discomfort in his back for months and considered quitting against Nieminen even when leading two sets to one.

But the eight-time major champion left Roland Garros hopeful about Wimbledon, believing a cortisone injection would make the pain go away. A year ago, Agassi also lost his first match at Roland Garros and shortly thereafter pulled out of Wimbledon, citing a bad hip. But he also acknowledged he could be close to retiring.

One of the most popular and successful players in his sport's history, Agassi set an Open-era record by playing in his 58th Grand Slam tournament at the French Open.

He's one of just five men to have completed a career Grand Slam, and his most recent major title came at the Australian Open in 2003. Shortly after that, he became the oldest man to be No. 1 since the ATP Tour began computer rankings in the 1970s.

But, as might be expected even from someone who trains as hard as Agassi, he's been slipping lately. The American has won just one tournament in the past 25 months, and he's currently No. 6 in the rankings.

Grand Slam tournaments and their particular demands of best-of-five-set matches and larger fields long have proved to be more difficult for older players. Since 1968, only two men won Slam titles after turning 34: Andres Gimeno and Ken Rosewall.

Also Tuesday, 14th-ranked Elena Bovina of Russia withdrew from Wimbledon with a shoulder injury. The seedings are scheduled to be released today, with the draw Thursday.

Years ago, Agassi mocked Wimbledon's grass and its all-white dress code, preferring to play golf back home in Las Vegas while others played tennis in England.

He entered the tournament just once in his first five years as a pro, losing in the first round in 1987. But he returned in 1991, making the quarterfinals, and the next year he beat Goran Ivanisevic in the final for his first Slam title.

If Agassi doesn't return to Wimbledon, his final match there will have been his fourth-round loss in 2003 to Mark Philippoussis, who hit 46 aces in five sets to tie a tournament record.

Asked that day, as he's been so many times of late, about his plans for the future, Agassi responded: "Why wouldn't I be back? I'm still a tennis player. This is the place to be."

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	36	29	.554	1 1/2
Atlanta	33	31	.516	4
Florida	32	30	.516	4
New York	32	32	.500	5
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	41	23	.641	—
Chicago	34	29	.540	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	30	32	.484	10
Milwaukee	29	35	.453	12
Houston	26	37	.413	14 1/2
Cincinnati	26	38	.406	15
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	36	28	.563	—
Arizona	35	31	.530	2
Los Angeles	33	30	.524	2 1/2
San Francisco	25	37	.403	10
Colorado	21	41	.339	14

TRANSACTIONS

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BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Placed SS Carlos Guillen on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 8. Optioned OF Marcus Thames to Toledo of the IL. Purchased the contract of INF Jason Smith and OF Alexis Gomez from Toledo. Transferred RHP Gary Knotts from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Signed RHP Danny Posen.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed INF Rey Sanchez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 10. Recalled INF Andy Phelps from Columbus of the IL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled INF Keith Ginter from Sacramento of the PCL. Optioned OF Matt Watson to Sacramento. Signed RHP James Shull, RHP Jason Rey, RHP Trey Shields, 1B Steve Koenig, 3B Jeff Bauby, OF Michael Messaro, 2B Isaac Omura and C Anthony Recker.
TEXAS RANGERS—Signed OF John Mayberry Jr. and assigned him to Spokane of the Northwest League.
National League
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Andrew Butera, RHP Joseph D'Alessandro, RHP Michael Sharpe, RHP Robert Parnessa, C Joshua Thole, RHP David Koons and RHP Salvador Aguilar.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed LHP Randy Wolf on the 15-day DL.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed 3B Edgardo Alfonzo and OF Marquis Grissom on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Todd Linton and purchased the contract of OF Adam Sabata from Fresno of the PCL.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Named Phil Jackson coach and signed him to a three-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed OL Rolaando Cantu.
ATLANTA FALCONS—Added TE Klaus Allinen to the practice squad.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Agreed to terms with TE Todd Heap on a six-year contract extension.
BUFFALO BILLS—Waived WR Kahlil Hill and DB Jonathan Palanca.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Added LB Aden Durde to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS—Waived QB Craig Krenzel.
DENVER BRONCOS—Added DT Patrice Maitimo-Mwamba to the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived WR Kelvin Knight, LB Shaam Morgan and DT Doug Sims.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Re-signed LB Rob Morris. Waived DT Blake Lobel, TE Tory Humphrey, LB Dominique Sims and LB Mikal Baagoe.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Added G Pete Hoyer to the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed TE Jason Rader.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed C Shawn Lynch and DT Matt Milrone. Waived LB Sam Benoit, LB Ito Cooper, QB Jason Fife and S Brandon Pinderhughes.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Added DE Anders Akers from the practice squad.

Tuesday's National League Game
Chicago Cubs 14, Florida 0

Tuesday's Interleague Games
Boston 7, Cincinnati 0
Baltimore 6, Houston 1
Cleveland 11, Colorado 2
N.Y. Yankees 9, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 7, Toronto 0
Milwaukee 4, Tampa Bay 0
Atlanta 7, Texas 2
Arizona 10, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 3, L.A. Dodgers 2
Detroit 8, San Diego 4
Minnesota 4, San Francisco 3, 11 innings
Oakland 5, N.Y. Mets 0
Seattle 3, Philadelphia 1
Washington at L.A. Angels, late

Today's National League Game
Florida (A.J. Burnett 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Madux 5-3), 1:20 p.m.

Today's Interleague Games
Atlanta (Davies 2-1) at Texas (Park 6-1), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haring 4-4) at Boston (Arroyo 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 9-1) at Detroit (Maroth 4-7), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Rodriguez 2-2) at Baltimore (Lopez 5-2), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Kennedy 3-6) at Cleveland (Sabathia 5-3), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Heldman 4-4) at N.Y. Yankees (K.Brown 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Marque 8-3) at Toronto (Lily 3-7), 6:07 p.m.
Milwaukee (Santos 2-5) at Tampa Bay (Nomo 3-6), 6:15 p.m.
Arizona (Flu. Ortiz 4-5) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 10-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Loney 2-6) at Minnesota (Lohse 5-4), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Perry 3-2) at Kansas City (Lima 0-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Zambrano 3-6) at Oakland (Haren 4-7), 9:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 3-5) at Seattle (Sele 5-5), 9:05 p.m.
Washington (Dress 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Colon 8-3), 9:05 p.m.

Phil & Kobe show back on the air

BY JOHN NADEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Phil and Kobe, together again.

Phil Jackson was back with the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday, following a breakup that took a year to mend, and back to coaching Kobe Bryant — a player he once called "uncoachable."

"This is something I never thought could possibly happen," Jackson said on Tuesday at a Staples Center news conference.

"It's a pleasure to come back," Jackson, who won three championships with the Lakers in five years, was let go last June 18 by owner Jerry Buss.

The buzz about Jackson's possible return began almost immediately after his replacement, Rudy Tomjanovich, left in February — despite Jackson's book detailing the 2003-04 season, in which he made disparaging remarks about the franchise, including saying his superstar guard was "uncoachable."

"I think it's a matter of trust, a matter of rebuilding the trust that we had," Jackson said of his relationship with Bryant. "And yes, I have talked to Kobe; he actually called me this morning to congratulate me on the job. And I felt confident that he's confident that we can go forward."

Bryant's reaction to a possible return by Jackson seemed lukewarm at best during the past several months.

But Bryant released a more positive statement through his agent Tuesday.

"When the Lakers began the search for a new head coach, I put my complete trust in Dr. Buss and [general manager] Mitch Kupchak to select the person they thought was best for the Lakers' organization," Bryant said. "In Phil Jackson, they chose a proven winner. That is something I support."

Jackson's latest deal is for three years. Terms were not announced, but it's believed he'll be earning between \$7 million and \$10 million per year, which would make him the highest-paid NBA coach ever.

Jackson said he's been

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—Phil Jackson

approached over the last three weeks by fans and non-fans asking him when he was coming back.

"One of the reasons why I've returned is the support has been so tremendous in this city," he said. "It is a town that truly supports its team and has a tremendous amount of affection for it."

Jeanie Buss, the owner's daughter and the Lakers' executive vice president of business operations, publicly lobbied for months for the return of Jackson, her longtime boyfriend.

Jerry Buss said in early May he believed Jackson and Bryant could coexist.

"Oh, definitely. No question," he said. "These people want to win."

Jackson, who will turn 60 in September, has had health issues in the past, and he underwent an angioplasty two years ago. He told ABC-TV before the opening game of the NBA finals that he had a series of tests showing he was "100 percent healthy."

Jackson's dismissal a year ago set in motion a makeover of massive proportions that proved to be disastrous for the Lakers.

Dominant big man Shaquille O'Neal demanded a trade, and superstar Bryant opted out of his contract to become a free agent the same day Jackson's five-year run as coach ended.

The following month, O'Neal was traded to Miami, while Bryant stayed with the Lakers.

Tomjanovich succeeded Jackson, signing a five-year, \$30 million contract, but he lasted barely half a season, citing health reasons when he suddenly resigned Feb. 2.

With injuries playing a major role, the Lakers lost 19 of their last 21 games under interim coach Frank Hamblen to finish



Reed Saxon/Associated Press
Los Angeles Laker general manager Mitch Kupchak (left) greets Phil Jackson at the Staples Center in Los Angeles Tuesday as he arrives at a news conference to discuss Jackson's return as the Lakers' head coach.

34-48 and out of the playoffs for just the second time since 1976. Jackson has coached nine NBA championship teams — six with the Chicago Bulls and in his first three years with the Lakers — from 2000-02. That ties him with former Boston Celtic coach Red Auerbach for the most in league history.

Jackson also has a record 175 postseason victories and is tied for 10th on the NBA's all-time list with 830 wins in just 14 seasons — nine with the Bulls and five with the Lakers. He has a .723 regular-season winning percentage and a .717 postseason winning percentage.

The Lakers were 285-125 in the regular season and 68-28 in the postseason under Jackson.

But this figures to be his biggest challenge, because the current team doesn't appear to have what it takes to return to

elite status any time soon. The Lakers are well over the salary cap, restricting their ability to bring in high-priced free-agent talent for at least two years.

Their defense was abysmal last season; they had an unbalanced roster with too many small forwards; they had virtually no inside presence on either end of the court; and they were suspect at point guard.

"I'm not the panacea for this basketball club," Jackson said. "It's going to take plenty of hard work and dedication over the course of the summer to change the face of this team."

Jackson spoke to several other teams, including the New York Knicks, but made it clear he would make a decision on the Lakers' job before giving serious consideration to anyone else.

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Female athletes' fame is on the rise

WOMEN ATHLETES
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During the week leading up to the Indianapolis 500, 23-year-old Patrick created more hype than the race has seen in years. Many wondered how she would deal with the pressure of being the only female in the field, but she shocked fans by not only finishing fourth but by being still in contention during the final laps.

Her performance in the Indy 500 demonstrated that she wasn't racing for the media buzz that a woman in traditionally male field creates but rather, that she could contend with the male racers in the field.

"Like the many other millions of viewers, I, too, was watching the Indianapolis 500. I was thrilled," Grant said.

"I didn't expect the crowd to be so strongly behind her. It was truly a significant moment in sports history for women."

Last weekend at the LPGA Championship, Sorenstam won her second major of the year, and she is now halfway to winning a grand slam. Following Sorenstam

in second- and third-place were young talents Wie and Creamer. As in the Sybase Classic earlier this year, the two teenagers duelled through the final round, this time determining who would finish runner-up. Wie has created a media frenzy; with Creamer alongside her, the tour is seeing an interesting rivalry develop in just a few tournaments.

Sharapova won her second-straight DFS Classic last week, and she is headed into Wimbledon with the same momentum she carried last year.

Like Sharapova, these young female athletes have the momentum to carry female athletics into the future.

With each trophy and accomplishment they add to the list, the future only gets brighter for women in sports, Grant said.

"There is no question in my mind that support is growing every year," she said. "With each year that goes by, it becomes more and more apparent that people are getting behind and supporting these female athletes."

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'I feel like I need to mature more physically and mentally.'

Lofthouse to embark on Mormon mission

LOFTHOUSE

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last season.

He finished his high-school career as a three-time state champion, and the Hawkeyes had high expectations for him. Iowa coach Jim Zalesky noticed toward the end of the year that it was becoming difficult for the 19-year-old to live up to the high bar he set for himself.

"He started out strong but didn't finish well at the end of the year," Zalesky said. "I think it was a learning experience."

He added that Lofthouse would have redshirted next season, even if he had decided not to go on the mission.

"It was a good time for him to go," he said.

Another factor that aided the decision was that Lofthouse will not lose any eligibility; he will return as a 21-year-old sophomore for the 2007-08 season.

After finishing a difficult first year and now with a two-year mission looming, one must wonder if his career as a wrestler might be over.

"No, definitely not," he said. "This year made me love it a lot more."

The gym rat does not have to look far for support in his decision to go to Zimbabwe. His teammates and coaches have given him the response he yearned for.

"They've been really supportive," Lofthouse said. "They really relieved a lot of stress."

He has also been able to consult with brother Rusty Lofthouse.

Rusty Lofthouse, 23, made his mission to Micronesia when he was 19. "It gives you a new aspect of life," he said. "You forget yourself and just think about other people. No more relying on mom and dad."

In Zimbabwe, Luke Lofthouse will live in everything from hotels to the huts of the natives. In order to make the transition smoother, he will be paired with a companion — a Mormon whom he has not yet met — who has been on a mission for almost a year.

During the trip, a missionary is only allowed to make four phone calls over the two-year span and spend one day of each week writing letters.

Getting disconnected from a world of wrestling mats and home-cooked meals while simultaneously being thrust into a new one of exotic insects and unbearable heat won't be easy, especially for someone such as Luke Lofthouse, who is extremely close with his family.

He spent Monday afternoon in his old high-school gym, showing his 12- and 13-year-old nephews what it takes to become an Iowa wrestler. "I like working with kids. It gives me a good feeling," he said.

Even though every other wrestler in the Big Ten will be hard at work trying to get ahead of the competition, Lofthouse said the next two years will serve him just as well.

"There is no doubt in my mind whether I will be a better wrestler after this," he said.

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NBA PLAYOFFS GAME 3: DETROIT 96, SAN ANTONIO 79

PISTONS COOL UNDER PRESSURE

PLAYOFFS

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Detroit became the first team to score 90 points against the Spurs in 13 NBA finals game, putting together the type of poised, pumped-up performance they hadn't displayed since Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals at Miami.

Detroit had lost by 15 and 21 points in the first two games of the series, but they ditched the downtrodden demeanor that contributed to their undoing in Games 1 and 2.

Everything about the Pistons was different, from their defensive intensity to their dedication in terms of getting more people involved on offense. Hamilton was more assertive in shaking off the pesky defense of Bruce Bowen, Prince was much more effective limiting Ginobili, and Wallace seemed especially motivated to put two very subpar performances behind him.

Wallace blocked five shots in the first quarter alone, and he had half of Detroit's offensive rebounds in the first half when Detroit had a 24-12 edge in points in the paint and an 11-0 advantage in fast-break points.

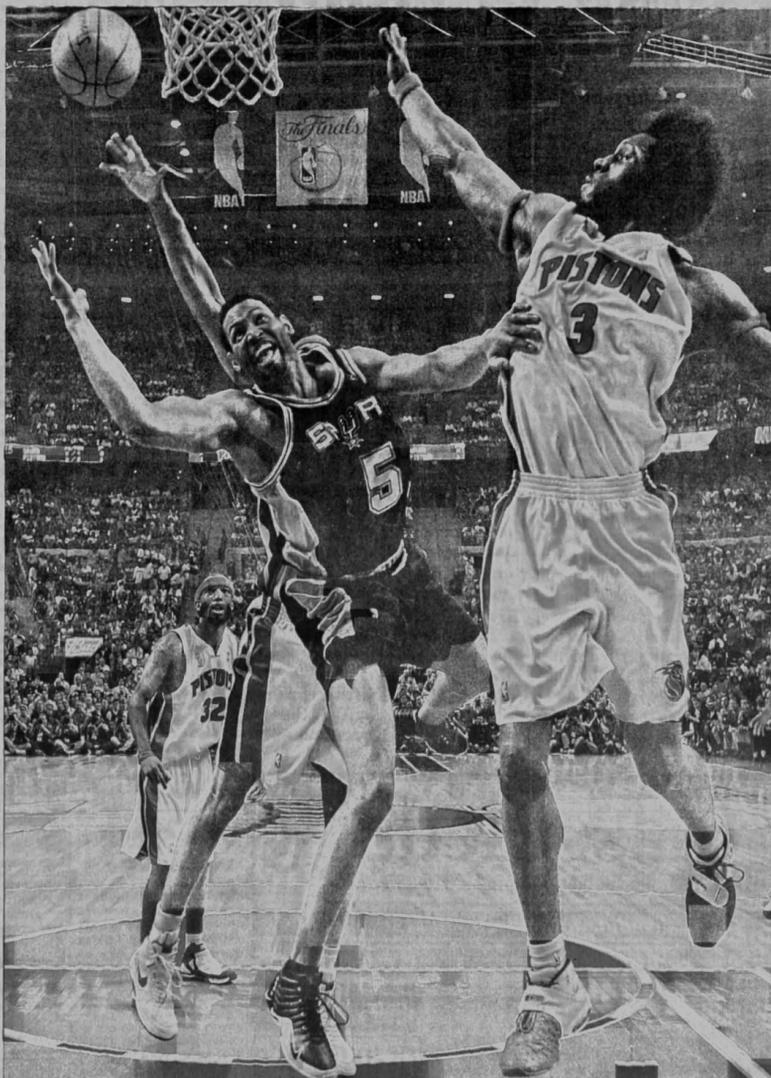
He set the tone right from the start, stealing the opening inbounds pass after he was called for a jump-ball violation, then racing downcourt for a dunk and a three-point play.

Wallace ended an eight-game streak of scoring in single digits and a five-game streak with fewer than 10 rebounds.

Ginobili went down just a few seconds later, bruising his left thigh in a collision with Prince just 21 seconds into the game. Though he wasn't sidelined for long, the star of Games 1 and 2 had just four points at halftime with four turnovers. He finished with seven points and six turnovers.

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 21 points.

Detroit opened the second half with a 13-5 run ending in an alley-oop reverse slam by Wallace off a pass from Hamilton, a play that brought the fans out of their seats and left rapper Eminem waving a red,



Jeff Roberson/Associated Press

San Antonio's Robert Horry (5) tries to grab a rebound from Detroit's Ben Wallace during Game 3 of the NBA finals in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Tuesday. The Pistons won the game, 96-79, after taking a five-point lead into the final quarter.

white and blue towel from his seat behind the Spurs' bench.

But the Spurs came right back with a 9-0 run to regain the lead 56-54 before the Pistons closed the quarter with a 16-9 run to take a five-point lead into the final quarter.

"There are no games to waste," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said beforehand.

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SPORTS

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BY DAVID ROYSE
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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Suspended Florida State quarterback Wyatt Sexton was doused by pepper spray and



Sexton
Florida State quarterback

taken to a hospital by police after he was found lying in the street and identifying himself as God. Sexton was hospitalized Monday night. A school official said Tuesday he was still under medical care at an undisclosed location. He had not been charged with any crime.

Florida State Assistant Athletics Director Rob Wilson said Sexton was suspended from the team two weeks ago because of a previously undisclosed violation of team rules. He declined to elaborate and said this incident appeared to be unrelated.

Sexton, 20, is the son of Florida State assistant head coach

and running-back coach Billy Sexton. Wilson said neither head coach Bobby Bowden nor Sexton's father would comment. Sexton, who will be a junior in the fall, took over the starting job for the Seminoles at midseason last year. He was expected to compete for the spot this year with Drew Weatherford and Xavier Lee, who were redshirted as freshmen last year.

An incident report by Tallahassee police Officer Zachary Lyne said he was called to a residential neighborhood about reports of a man doing push-ups in the street and jumping on a car.

Lyne said he found Sexton in the middle of the road wearing only a wet pair of shorts.

The officer asked Sexton several times to identify himself, and eventually he said he was God.

Sexton later got on his hands and knees, yelled obscenities at the officer, and stared at him. He was doused with pepper spray and handcuffed, then identified himself as Sexton.

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NBA PLAYOFFS GAME 3: DETROIT 96, SAN ANTONIO 79

PISTONS PUSH BACK

Detroit brings a new energy to the court that helps it drive past the Spurs to its first win in the NBA finals

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The NBA finals aren't looking so lopsided anymore, thanks to a burst of life from the defending champion Detroit Pistons that took them three games to summon.

Playing with a level of energy that was nowhere to be found in the first two games, Ben Wallace and Richard Hamilton led the way as the Pistons thoroughly outplayed the San Antonio Spurs in the second half and won, 96-79, Tuesday night in Game 3.

Television ratings have been down, and interest has been low, but that might start to change now that the Pistons have made things much more competitive and a little more compelling.

No longer is there a chance for a sweep, and never again will anyone question whether the Pistons can even play with the likes of Manu Ginobili, Tim Duncan, and Co.

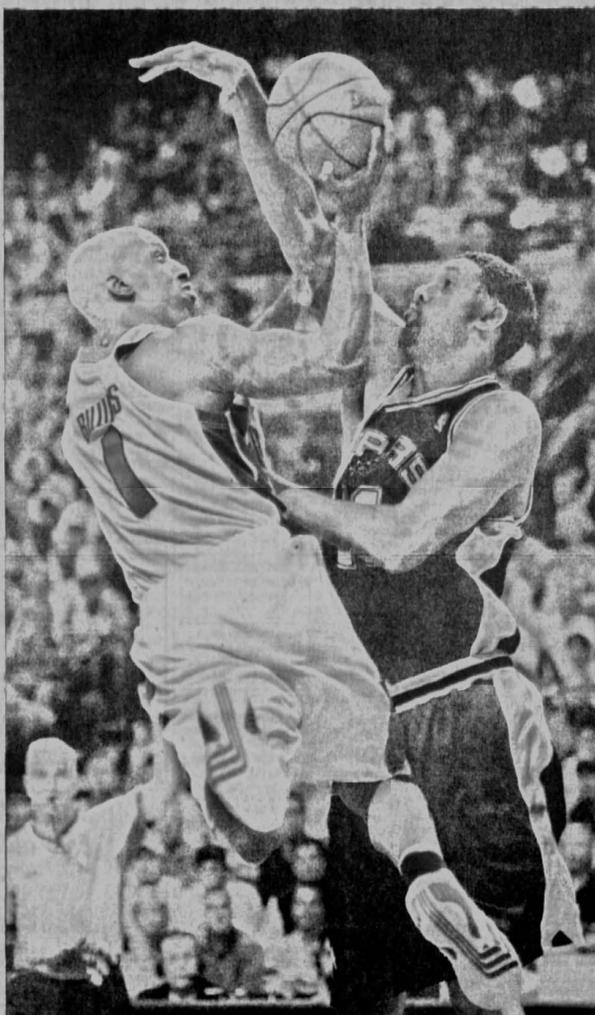
Ginobili got hurt in the game's first 30 seconds, and he was reduced to a non-factor for the first time in the series, and Duncan could not match the energy or enthusiasm generated by Wallace, the Pistons' Defensive Player of the year. Wallace's dunk with 4:27 left gave Detroit its largest lead, 88-73, and the Pistons held on easily from there.

Now, the Pistons will look to even the series at 2-2 in Game 4 on Thursday night and to ensure that the series will head back to Texas.

Hamilton scored 24 points, including 10 in the third quarter when Detroit took the lead for good, and Chauncey Billups added 20. But although the Pistons got most of their points from their backcourt tandem once again, they were anything but a two-man team.

Wallace had 15 points, 11 rebounds, five blocks and, three steals, and Tayshaun Prince and Antonio McDyess each added 12 points.

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Jeff Roberson/Associated Press

Detroit's Chauncey Billups goes up for two points against San Antonio's Tim Duncan during the fourth quarter in Game 3 of the NBA finals in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Tuesday.

NBA FINALS

Game 1: San Antonio 84, Detroit 69
 Game 2: San Antonio 97, Detroit 76
 Game 3: Detroit 96; San Antonio 79
San Antonio leads series 2-1

Game 4: Thursday at Detroit, 9 p.m.
 Game 5: Sunday, June 19, at Detroit, 9 p.m.
 Games 6 and 7: Tuesday, June 21, and Thursday, June 23, at San Antonio, 9 p.m.



Asafa Powell

NEW RECORD

Jamaica's Powell breaks 100-meter record

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Asafa Powell broke the world record in the 100 meters Tuesday with a 9.77 clocking at Olympic Stadium, where the Jamaican didn't fare nearly as well during the Athens Games last summer.

Powell shaved one hundredth of a second off Tim Montgomery's record of 9.78 set in Paris in 2002 — a mark that already was at risk, because Montgomery faces doping charges.

During the Olympics, Powell finished fifth in 9.94. But nearly a year later, during the Tsiklitiria Super Grand Prix meeting on the same track, he was unbeatable.

"I'm very happy that ... I achieved this performance," Powell said. "I knew I could break the world record, and I am very happy I succeeded."

The 22-year-old sprinter already had the world's fastest time this year, a run of 9.84 seconds at the Jamaica International Invitational on May 8. He also ran a 9.85 on June 9 in the Czech Republic. His run Tuesday came with a tailwind of 1.6 meters per second, well below the legal limit of 2.0.

Before Montgomery's effort, the previous mark was 9.79, set by Maurice Greene on the Athens track in 1999.

SKOLASKI



Skolaski earned a \$7,500 grant from NCAA

Iowa's Skolaski wins postgrad scholarship

The NCAA has granted former Hawkeye swimmer Jennifer Skolaski a postgraduate scholarship. Skolaski, who competed for Iowa from 2002-05, earned the \$7,500 grant after a sparkling career in which she set school records in six events and holds the school's second-best time in three others.

"Jennifer is an outstanding individual with uncommon abilities to excel in the classroom and the pool," Hawkeye coach Marc Long said in a statement. "She is a natural leader and performer who will continue to strive for excellence in every area of her life."

"The University of Iowa swimming and diving program is honored to have Jennifer as a member of our family. She is a worthy recipient of an NCAA postgraduate scholarship."

Up to 174 of these particular scholarships are awarded annually by the NCAA to recipients who hold a minimum 3.2 grade-point average, have been nominated by a faculty athletics representative, and who intend to continue academic work beyond a bachelor's degree.

— by Tyson Wirth

Hawkeye wrestler to be a man on a mission

Luke Lofthouse will leave Iowa to spend the next two years on a Mormon mission in Zimbabwe

BY DAN PARR
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Use your imagination for just a moment.

What if you were going to an impoverished, disease-ridden country alone for two years, and the only thing you could bring with you were two suitcases? By the way, try not to pack anything too extravagant. Maybe a couple cans of bug spray, some clothes — only the bare necessities.

Sounds like an episode of "Survivor" gone bad, but for Iowa wrestler Luke Lofthouse — who will begin a two-year

Mormon mission at the end of July — the journey will include no cameras and no million-dollar winner at the end.

"I feel like I need to mature more physically and mentally," he said from his home in Avon, Utah. "I feel really anxious right now. I'm excited to get out."

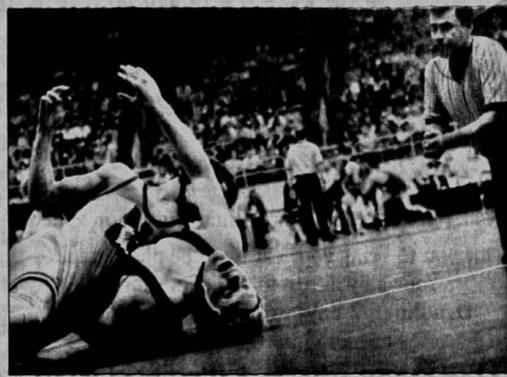
Lofthouse will depart for Zimbabwe to begin a two-year mission on July 27.

The freshman announced his decision last month after battling his way to an 8-17 record for the Hawkeyes on the mat

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Iowa wrestler Luke Lofthouse prepares for a two-year Mormon mission in Zimbabwe that will begin on July 27.



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Iowa sophomore Luke Lofthouse wrestles Northwestern's Jake Herbert during the first round of the Big Ten meet on March 6.

"With each year that goes by, it becomes more and more apparent that people are getting behind and supporting these female athletes."



— Dr. Christine Grant, former Iowa women's athletic director

Female athletes just do it

The UI professor who played a major role in the development of Title IX sounds off on the rise of female athletes

BY CHARLIE KAUTZ
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Just a few short years ago, female athletes were in search of a role model. They needed a poster woman, someone who could pave the way for young women in athletics. Not just another story, but a prominent figure who could bring women to the national forefront of sports. Amazingly, while in search of this one special athlete, they have unveiled a fleet.

This new breed of female athletes — including Danica Patrick, Annika Sorenstam, Michelle Wie, Maria Sharapova, and Paula Creamer — is different in the sense that they are young, fearless, and appear to be capable of reaching once unthinkable heights in the world of women's athletics. The group is attracting national attention in a way that no woman has before. Unlike many of the accomplished women before them, these women are becoming powerful figures in both the national media and on the playing field.

"The general public is beginning to just relish women's athletics," said Christine Grant, the former Iowa women's athletics director and current associate professor of health and sports studies.

She played a major role in the development of Title IX, which protects the rights of women in intercollegiate athletics. As the women's athletics director from more than 25 years, Grant devoted herself to gaining equality for women in sports, especially for collegiate-level athletes.

Such stars as Patrick and Sorenstam have accomplished in months what has taken years for the women before them. With each athlete having her own effect on the national stage in the same era, women have been propelled to the peak of sports.

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Sorenstam golfer



Creamer golfer



Wie golfer



Sharapova tennis player



Patrick race-car driver