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Officials differ on weighty issue

Checking your weight on a scale is under debate as a helpful or harmful tool for dieters

BY KATHERINE BISANZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a recent study, nutritionists found stepping on the scale may help deter the Freshman 15, but UI officials warn that this behavior can lead to frustration and obsession for the dieter.

The study, conducted by David Levitsky, a professor of nutritional sciences at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., reveals that

weighing oneself each day can ward off the infamous plague of pounds by making dieters more aware of changes in their bodies.

But some UI officials could not disagree more.

Phil Kissack, the associate director of food and nutrition services at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, said that in his experience, when dieters monitor their weight too closely, they can become discouraged or

depressed by the lack of instantaneous results and end up breaking the diet.

"Weighing yourself every day is discouraging — when you see that you haven't made any progress from the day before, you get discouraged," he said. "And what do we do when we get discouraged — we eat."

Both Kissack and UI Student Health dietitian Kathy Mellen said people's weight

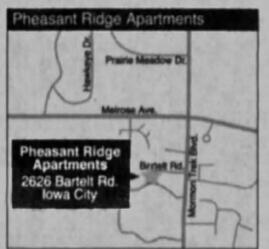
may fluctuate from factors unrelated to dieting behaviors, creating a false picture of their progress. These factors include dehydration, differences in wardrobe, and even not drying off completely after a shower.

Mellen also warned that tracking weight daily can lead to obsession — and eventually eating disorders.

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SECTION 8 HOUSING

Bill to close gap



BY COLIN BURKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

President Bush is expected to sign an appropriations bill soon that includes an amendment from an Iowa senator to close a loophole in Section 8 housing regulations that have allowed some university students to receive housing assistance without counting financial aid and parental income.

An amendment by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, to H.R. 3058, which appropriates funding to various federal departments, restricts college students who do not meet the requirements for low-income housing from receiving assistance. Also, financial aid will be counted as personal income under the amendment.

Harkin spokeswoman Allison Dobson said on Monday that the change was proposed after the *Des Moines Register* revealed UI students, some of them athletes with full-ride scholarships, were living at Pheasant Ridge Apartments, 2626 Bartelt Road, a Section 8 housing area.

"This housing is meant for low-income families who otherwise could not afford a home," Dobson said, adding that she hoped no loopholes remain so people who need housing would be able to get it. "If [Housing and Urban Development] enforces the rules, that should trump [the loopholes]."

But one city official said Monday that another gap in housing regulations is not being addressed.

Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations said the term "family" for Section 8 includes but is not limited to a single person who is not elderly, disabled, or displaced and the remaining member of a tenant family.

Under the regulations, a student who is caring for an elderly dependent family member will be able to receive housing assistance once that relative passes away.

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Golden Girl | DIANA REED



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Iowa Golden Girl Diana Reed joins the Hawkeye Marching Band in firing up the crowd at Kinnick Stadium before the kickoff of the Iowa-Minnesota game on Nov. 19. The game was Reed's last as the Golden Girl, but she will return to the UI for her fifth year.

GIVING A GOLDEN TWIRL

BY MARK BOSWORTH
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Diana Reed is a typical college student — balancing a hectic week-day schedule filled with work, classes, and practices.

But on the weekends, she breaks out her three flaming batons to juggle, dance, and twirl for 70,000 rabid Hawkeye fans in Kinnick Stadium.

Reed recently wrapped up her fourth year as the Hawkeye Golden Girl — a shimmering, leotard-clad dancer and baton twirler who performs at Iowa sporting events — as the football squad polished off its regular season by dismantling the not-quite-as-Golden Gophers of Minnesota.

The Norwalk, Iowa, native now has

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• Voting for the competition ends Wednesday.

her sights set on a much larger stage before she returns in 2006 for her fifth and final year of college.

"My ultimate goal is to perform on Broadway," Reed said.

Earlier this fall, the Hawkeyes' leading lady discovered the *Sweet Charity* Dance-Off — a contest that might just be her foot in the door — while she was browsing

through a copy of *Marie Claire* magazine. The contest called for hopefuls to send in a tape of a short performance clip.

Reed sent in her tape and was selected as one of 10 finalists. Fans will pick the victor by voting online. The winner will be flown to New York City and trained for an appearance in *Sweet Charity*, the musical starring Christina Applegate — whose feature song will be "Hey, Big Spender."

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime," Reed said.

As of Monday, she had captured 59 percent of the vote, with her nearest competitor trailing with 9 percent of the vote.

She exuded a quiet confidence as she spoke about the possibility of winning.

"I'm not going to get my hopes up too soon," she said.

Her domination of the contest thus far is a testament to her talent as a twirler and dancer.

"She is one of the best collegiate twirlers I have ever seen," said UI Marching Band director Kevin Kastens. The UI "is very fortunate to have her."

However, being the princess of the Hawkeye halftime show is not always so glamorous as it may seem.

"It can be trying at times," Reed said.

The 21-year-old routinely starts her days before 8 a.m. and devotes nearly 55 hours a week to teaching young girls to twirl, practicing her own routine, and attending classes and run-throughs with the marching band.

"[Being the Golden Girl] takes a lot of

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UI professor tries to help Kazakh vote

BY REBECCA MCKANNA
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jones
UI associate professor of computer science, visited Kazakhstan during Thanksgiving break

Miles and miles of slums, the stench of pollution, and a war memorial built by the communists to obstruct the view of a Russian Orthodox Church.

Even now, roughly 14 years

after the fall of the Soviet Union, UI Associate Professor Douglas Jones could see the lingering legacy of the former superpower during a journey this past week to Kazakhstan, which he visited to evaluate the country's electronic voting machines for its upcoming presidential election.

"[The country is] trying to overcome the physical legacy of the Soviet Union — environmental catastrophe," he said. "There's no pollution control. You can't see to the end of the block, and it stinks — it gets your attention."

As part of an election-observing mission by the Organization for

Security and Cooperation in Europe, the computer-science professor investigated the new technology while trying to limit the possibilities of voter fraud in the country.

"Kazakhstan is developing a unique and puzzling and occasionally innovative electronic

voting system, but we want to make sure it's fair," Jones said.

He spent a week and a half in the country, arriving in the southeastern portion and working his way to the capital, Astana.

He spent 10 years on the Iowa

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Mostly cloudy, blustery winds, 30% chance of snow

TEXAS OR FLORIDA?

The football Hawkeyes are probably looking at either the Alamo or Outback Bol. **1B**

DECK THE MALLS

The shopping season, as the 30-day sprint between Thanksgiving and Christmas is known, begins in earnest. **3A**

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ACT receives writing contract

BY MICHELLE BROOKS
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The National Assessment Governing Board has awarded Iowa City-based ACT Inc. a \$1.4 million contract to redesign the writing portion of the National Assessment of Educational Progress' writing test.

In the next 18 months, ACT will request advice from college educators, employers, military officials, focus groups, and other sources to produce new regulations for the writing portion of the test, which is given to students in grades four, eight, and 12.

"It's time to start a new trend line," said Mary Corvo, an assistant director for test development at the National Assessment Governing Board. "It will include the latest research on writing assessments and instruction."

Committees composed of classroom teachers, employers, the military, and recent high school graduates will assess the test to gain a better understanding of what writing skills students need to be successful.

"We're looking at the expectations colleges and universities have of students in terms of writing," Corvo said.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as the Nation's Report Card, is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of academic achievement in America's elementary and secondary schools.

A national assessment is "critical," said Rosanne Cook, the program manager for performance assessment and the Nation's Report Card writing program director.

"Having a national sampling of skills gives us a way to see

how states across the nation are doing in comparison with other countries," she added.

Other issues taken into consideration will include whether the writing portion should be taken by hand or on computers and the possibility of a series of multiple-choice questions to verify the students' understanding of English grammar and punctuation.

The current writing assessment was passed in 1990 and updated in 1995. Over the past decade, technology has developed, and writing programs have changed, officials said.

"I tend to think of writing as technology for the expression of thought," Cook said. "All of us need to express thinking, in one way or another."

While this test is not directly related to the well-known ACT test that college hopefuls take, the college entrance exams are

also being examined. Several schools in the country do not require the writing assessments, so ACT has made it optional.

For the SAT, the writing portion of the test is mandatory.

"The input we'll receive during this process is the same type of information that helps us develop academic-achievement tests, such as the ACT," said Richard Ferguson, ACT's chief executive officer, in a statement. "It's important to assess the writing skills of our nation's students early, to ensure they are learning what they need to put them on course for college and career success."

ACT will propose its suggestions to the National Assessment Governing Board in 2007, and the changes will be put into effect in 2011.

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A man strings Christmas lights along the window frames at Iowa State Bank & Trust on Monday evening. Many of the downtown businesses have begun sprucing up their stores with a variety of holiday decorations.

POLICE BLOTTER

Tyree Cooper, 26, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts.

Harold Darby, 23, Washington, Iowa, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Timothy McConnell-Seaba,

19, Brighton, Iowa, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Thomas Morrison, 22, Muscatine, was charged Monday with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.



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Councilors meet lawmakers

BY REBECCA MCKANNA
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The contrast between rural and urban priorities was a constant theme when the Iowa City City Council discussed its 2006 legislative priorities with state lawmakers at a work session Monday.

State Sens. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville, and Joe Bolcom, D-Iowa City, along with Reps. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, and David Jacoby, D-Coralville, sat down with the councilors on Monday to discuss issues ranging from tax increment financing to legislative support of casinos.

"When is the state going to stop considering gambling an economic development?" Councilor Connie Champion asked. "It's not the state getting rich."

But the lawmakers and

Mayor Ernie Lehman pointed out the benefits casinos can offer for rural communities with high unemployment rates.

"In the end, I think it costs the community more than it's gaining," Lehman said. "But those communities have low employment rates we don't have to deal with. These people are desperate for economic development."

The contrast between rural and urban priorities continued in the health-care arena. Lawmakers discussed using studies to determine which large companies do not cover their employees' health insurance but said many desperate communities would continue to want such businesses in their community simply to offer employment, regardless of the poor benefits.

Bolcom said a potential bill could force large employers to

spend 8 percent of their gross salary on benefits. For example, if the employer spent 6 percent on benefits, it would be forced to pay the remaining money to the state.

"It would be payment, in lieu, to meet those people's needs," he said.

Still, Lehman said, he didn't believe the potential bill would target the biggest offenders of offering little to no benefits to its employees — the small businesses.

Meanwhile, Mascher said the lack of resources extended beyond health care, citing such issues as affordable housing and minimum wage.

"Ultimately, it means with better resources, people are less dependent on social services," she said.

Mascher said she appreciated the chance to meet with councilors to gain a better under-

standing of what both lawmakers are working to attain and what hurdles they face.

"We have a very collegial relationship," she said. "They know us; we know them. It makes them more aware of what we're up against."

Partisan politics and the division of rural and urban priorities are the biggest hurdles state lawmakers face in pursuing issues, the representative added.

Although she believes the lawmakers are doing their best to pursue Johnson County and Iowa City's interests, Champion said, she still doesn't always see concrete results.

"I don't want to sound cantankerous," she said. "I think we have great legislators, but the whole thing — the whole process — gets me a little irritated."

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METRO

Pierce files sentence appeal

Former Hawkeye basketball star Pierre Pierce — who was sentenced to serve two years in prison for sexually assaulting and imprisoning his former girlfriend — has filed an appeal for reconsideration of his sentences, according to a Nov. 23 motion.

On Oct. 28, a 5th District judge convicted Pierce of assault with intent to commit sexual abuse, false imprisonment, and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

While the judge handed down a four-year sentence, the 22-year-old will serve a maximum of two years in jail, because the sentences will be served concurrently. But, with good behavior, Pierce could be out of prison in roughly 11 months.

Pierce was also charged with third-degree burglary but received a suspended five-year prison term in an Aug. 22 plea.

In that plea, Pierce said he imprisoned a woman from West Des Moines in her townhouse on Jan. 27. He also admitted to throwing papers around her home and breaking the cable tube on the

television when the woman left.

Pierce has requested "the court to allow him [30] days to supplement the record by submitting a report from Oakdale and other relevant documents from the pretrial discovery," defense lawyers wrote.

At the Oct. 28 sentencing, defense lawyer Alfredo Parrish said he had advised his client against an appeal.

— by Laura Thompson

Judge rules out new trial in fatal crash

A 6th District judge has overruled a request for a new civil trial against Dustin Fobian, who was found not at fault by a jury last month for a car accident that killed three area teens in 2002.

Judge L. Vern Robinson denied a request by the parents of Ben Novotny and Matthew Wageman for a new trial on Nov. 18.

According to police reports, Fobian was driving his pickup truck on Nov. 15, 2002, when his vehicle hit a car driven by 18-year-old Wageman. Novotny, 17, and Keith Koosmann, 19, were also killed in the crash.

Fobian did not suffer any serious injuries.

Police records show Wageman failed to yield at a stop sign and collided with Fobian's truck at Taft Avenue and Lower West Branch Road.

As grounds for a new trial, the plaintiffs introduced video footage taken by the legal assistant of their counsel.

The Wagemans and Novotnys had sought roughly \$550,000 for damages to their sons' estates, funeral expenses, and other unspecified fees. The Novotnys also sued Fobian for loss-of-consortium with their son.

The Koosmanns dropped their civil lawsuit in October 2003.

— by Laura Thompson

Man held for domestic abuse assault

A New Mexico man is being held in the Johnson County Jail on 11 counts of domestic abuse assault against his wife, according to UI police reports.

Shujun Yang, 32, of Albuquerque, N.M., was incarcerated on Nov. 26 for allegedly assaulting his spouse at her university apartment, 538

Hawkeye Court, and in the UI Biology Building. The assaults allegedly occurred between June and September but were not reported to UI police until Oct. 17.

On Sept. 5, Yang allegedly punched his wife in the head in the Biology Building, causing her to fall and break her front tooth. Yang allegedly continued to hit his wife in the head and neck while she was on the floor, according to police records.

Between July and September, Yang allegedly hit his wife with a tripod in the arm and a hammer in the back. The woman also claims Yang choked her until she lost consciousness in late August.

In an incident on Sept. 20, Yang allegedly told his wife to stab him in the chest with a knife. When she refused, Yang kicked her. Then, the woman penetrated Yang's stomach with a knife, causing a small puncture, UI police report.

Yang is charged with four counts of domestic abuse assault causing serious injury, four counts of domestic abuse aggravated assault, and five counts of simple domestic abuse assault.

— by Laura Thompson

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'Tis the season to be buying



Customers scour the shelves at Vortex on Monday night. Last weekend marked one of the biggest Christmas shopping weekends of the year, and the increase in shoppers has stores such as Vortex looking forward to a successful holiday season.

Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

BY MEGHAN V. MALLOY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Locals took out their credit cards, wallets, and checkbooks last weekend to contribute to the cheer — and chaos — of the annual mad dash to find the perfect holiday gift.

But for retailers in Coralville and Iowa City, the ruckus wasn't a problem, officials said. "We went out before we opened the doors to the public and talked to them about what we expect from our customers," said Travis Botine, an executive team leader for Target at the Coral Ridge Mall. "We told our customers there is no need to be out of control and to please respect each other."

The talk seemed to have been effective — retailers reported no altercations with customers or staff at area stores.

The mall's overall concerns on the hot-ticket shopping days were security and safety of the customers, said Sheila Boyd, a

group marketing manager. "We didn't have any problems with crowds, but we did have extra security officers on duty during the morning," she said.

While shoplifting was a secondary concern during the shopping bustle, she said, officials were not any more worried about sticky fingers than they would be during the rest of the year.

"Extra officers were not there due to a concern about shoplifting," Boyd said. "They were in place to keep our customers safe."

More people visited the 120-plus store mall than last year, she said, but she did not have exact numbers on Monday.

But the day wasn't without some disappointments. The X-Box 360, a gift spotlighted long before the holiday season, was one of the most-sought after items — and one of the first to disappear.

Meanwhile, officials at the Sycamore Mall were not

worried about chaos ensuing at the facility the day after Thanksgiving — mall secretary Candy Norris said security officers didn't even go on duty until 5 p.m.

Things were also quiet at Iowa Book, 8 S. Clinton St. Owner Pete Vanderhoef said this season is no different from the rest of the year.

"Most of our traffic is university-related, and, of course, the university was on vacation last week," he said.

He anticipates that business will pick in the next few weeks, when the university-community members will be buying presents for their families and friends. Among some of the popular items, he predicted, will be hooded sweatshirts, Iowa sports books, and miniature statues of Herky on Parade.

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State calls in security experts

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack said he brought in security experts from outside the state to review security procedures at the state's only maximum-security prison after this month's escape by two inmates.

"We have taken steps to bring corrections officials in from outside the state to take a look at other issues relative to security," the governor said. "We're bringing folks in to take a look at overall security issues in that prison. They may make recommendations."

The governor again said on Monday that budget cuts were not a contributing factor in the prison break, detailing instead a series of mistakes that built on each other and led to the break earlier this month.

Joseph Legendre, 27, and Martin Moon, 34, were able to scale a wall and escape from the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, and the governor last week replaced the prison's warden and disciplined seven workers. The two inmates were recaptured.

Meeting with reporters, Vilsack said the two inmates were in a work-release setting when the first mistake was made.

An individual supervisor was supposed to be on the floor counting and keeping track of the prisoners," he said. "That individual was not doing his job. [The person] was not on the floor."

In addition, Vilsack said, a head count should have been taken at the end of the shift but wasn't.

"Had the prisoners been counted, they would have been detected as not there," he said. "Had the person been on the floor, [the inmates] would not have had the opportunity to leave."

In addition, occasional shakedowns must be conducted in the work release setting to determine if prisoners are spiriting away gear for weapons or escape tools. Those weren't conducted often enough, the governor said.

"The individuals went down

four flights of stairs, and they were not noticed on a bank of cameras that covers the stairwell," the governor said.

Once in the yard, guards in a tower "were not positioned in a place and a location in the tower that they probably should have been that would have allowed them full access to the entire grounds."

The two inmates managed to use a rope and a makeshift hook to scale the wall.

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— Gov. Tom Vilsack

Vilsack said yet another mishap took place when a guard, who circles the prison 24 hours a day in a car, failed to see the inmates escape.

"The person in that car did not observe the rope over the wall, in fact never observed the rope, until it was pointed out to him," the governor said.

Vilsack said none of those mistakes were linked to staffing or budget issues and defended his actions in responding.

"There were a lot of problems at the prison, and we've taken steps quickly and specifically to address the issues that we think contributed to the escape," the governor said.

"I have not been given any information to date that would suggest that this was the result of not having enough people," said Vilsack.

Key lawmakers said they will look into the issue and want to see the report on which Vilsack based his disciplinary actions.

"I'm still waiting to get that report from the governor," said House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City. "I'm going to be asking for that report again today."

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"I see students, and what they see on the scale in the morning affects their mood and self-image for the whole day," she said, who counsels students with eating disorders. But hopping on the scale every day does not spark an eating disorder by itself. "[Constant weighing] is not going to be the only factor in causing eating disorders and issues, but a constant obsession with a scale, and your body weight could certainly

trigger an eating disorder," Mellen said. Kissack said college students need to make time for healthy eating. Fruits and vegetables naturally prevent weight gain because they are low in calories and fill up a body, he said. "It's about prioritizing," he said. "It's about saying, 'I'm going to make time for this, because it's important. My health is important, and it's as important as classes.'" And as for the Cornell University study, Kissack said it

may be flawed. "With the study, you'll find that the people [in the study] are more healthy, in general," he said. I don't know that you can show cause and effect there." Though daily weight checks may not properly gage weight-loss progress, weekly or monthly checks will give people a better idea of true changes, Mellen said. E-mail DI reporter **Katherine Bisanz** at: katherine-bisanz@uiowa.edu

DIETING FACTS

- It is unlikely that a person would lose a pound after starving for 24 hours.
 - The number of calories in a pound are more than most people consume in a day.
 - A pound of fat contains 3,500 calories, and most people eat approximately 2,000 calories per day.
- Source: Phil Kissack, associate director of UIHC food and nutrition services

N.H. Dems float primary change

BY WILL LESTER
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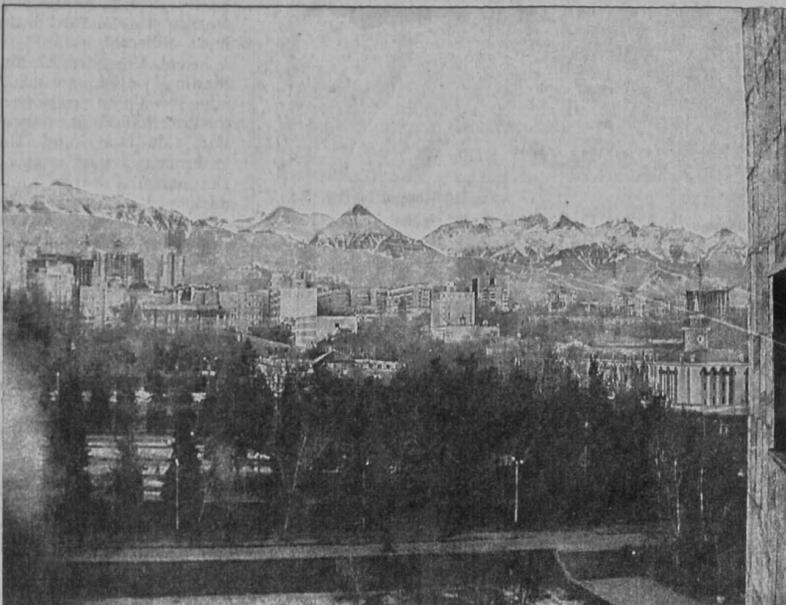
WASHINGTON — New Hampshire Democrats are proposing their own plan for the 2008 presidential calendar that would leave Iowa and New Hampshire first, closely followed by a couple of contests in states with more diverse populations. The New Hampshire Democrats want to start the voting a week earlier than in 2004 or move the general start of other contests back a week to allow room for the changes. Some Democrats have said they don't think such a change

would be that different from the 2004 primary calendar. In 2004, the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary were followed a week later by voting in six states. "We need to decrease front-loading, increase diversity, recognize Iowa and New Hampshire laws and traditions, and have a calendar that will let us elect a Democrat to the White House," said Kathleen Sullivan, the chairwoman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party. Her state's proposal would limit the number of early contests while ensuring diversity, she said.

Professor aids Kazakh vote

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Board of Examiners, studying voting machines, and he helped to iron out glitches that Dade County, Fla., faced during the 2000 presidential election. Jones said many of the questions he asked in Kazakhstan were similar to what he had asked in America. Often having to use translators, he investigated the standards of the equipment, where the information is saved, and the sensitivity of the touch screens of the machines. Culturally, he said, the Kazakhs were trying to reclaim a national identity. He said the opaqueness of the former Soviet Union is still evident in the Kazakh media. The state-owned media tend to favor the government, and the independently owned media are usually owned by friends of the president.



Courtesy of Douglas Jones

Dawn comes up over the Tian Shan mountains above Almaty, Kazakhstan. Douglas Jones, a UI associate professor of computer science, visited Kazakhstan during Thanksgiving break to investigate and assess the country's electronic voting system.

Elections, said the biggest challenges in investigating elections is making sure the process is secure and reliable. The multilingual country of Kazakhstan could have the added problem of a language barrier, he said. "The language issue is not always handled well in America," he said. "It would be even harder in Kazakhstan, where some of the languages are only

used by a few people." Byrne said he felt the biggest hurdle for a fair election would be the transparency of the procedures. The secrecy with which the former Soviet Union operated could still carry over to Kazakhstan, he said, and setting state standards on voting machines would be the best prescription for a healthy election. Jones said many of the

people he worked with as part of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe were those who had lived in the former Soviet Union. "These people are really serious about democracy," he said. "They know exactly what they want, and you can't fool them. They know what totalitarianism looks like." E-mail DI reporter **Rebecca McKanna** at: rebecca-mckanna@uiowa.edu

Broadway lures twirler

GOLDEN GIRL
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discipline," she said. The self-described perfectionist would also like to see her sport garner more respect from the NCAA; the organization does not recognize twirling as a sport. This, Reed asserts, puts her and her peers on a lower level than other competitors.

"We are athletes," she said. No matter what happens in the Sweet Charity contest, Reed — who also hopes to open her own dance and twirling studio — can take comfort in her accomplishments as the Hawkeye Golden Girl. "I'm proud to be a Hawkeye," she said. E-mail DI reporter **Mark Bosworth** at: mark-bosworth@uiowa.edu

Bill aims to close loophole

HOUSING
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Steven Rackis, the housing administrator for the Iowa City Housing Authority, said he feels the passing down of property is a much bigger issue than students who don't list personal finances to receive housing assistance. "The housing needs to be targeting the people who it was intended for, not the people who can otherwise sustain themselves," he said. Currently, the housing authority uses local preferences, so the aid gets to those who need it most — such as the elderly and persons with disabilities, he said. The organization uses methods such as salary statements from employers, Social Security statements, and physician certifications of disability. "Those are things you cannot fake," Rackis said. "If it's not third party, we don't accept it." UI Provost Michael Hogan said university administrators

would prefer that students who can afford regular housing not live in the units intended for low-income families. "All we hope is that it makes these living spaces available for the families for which they were intended," he said. "They'll be able to find plenty of housing in Iowa City." E-mail DI reporter **Colin Burke** at: colin-burke@uiowa.edu

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Man pleads guilty in textbook scheme

A man charged with second-degree theft for his role in a scheme to sell roughly \$35,000 worth of stolen textbooks back to Iowa City bookstores pleaded guilty on Monday, said Assistant Johnson

County Attorney David Tiffany. Cho Kantaphone was charged in May along with Lucas Othmer, Nathan Poisel, Matthew Price, and Aaron Poisel. The men allegedly resold stolen textbooks to Iowa Book, 8 S. Clinton St., and the University Book Store between Oct. 10, 2002 and Feb. 12, according to

police records. In an interview with *The Daily Iowan* in May, Kantaphone said he sold the books for Aaron Poisel, who then compensated him with some money. He said it didn't seem suspicious, because Poisel would come to him at the beginning or end of the semester.

Police records show Kantaphone made 18 of the 82 transactions. No date has been set for sentencing, but Tiffany said it is unlikely to happen before January. Kantaphone faces five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500. — by Laura Thompson

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Canadian gov't falls

BY ROB GILLIES
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TORONTO — A corruption scandal forced a vote of no-confidence Monday that toppled Prime Minister Paul Martin's minority government, triggering an unusual election campaign during the Christmas holidays.

Canada's three opposition parties, which control a majority in Parliament, voted against Martin's government, asserting that his Liberal Party no longer has the moral authority to lead the nation.

The loss means an election for all 308 seats in the lower House of Commons, likely on Jan. 23. Martin and his Cabinet would continue to govern until then.

'The vote in the House of Commons did not go our way. But the decision of the future of our government will be made by Canadians. They will judge us.'

— Paul Martin, Canadian prime minister

Opposition leaders last week called for the no-confidence vote after Martin rejected their demands to dissolve Parliament in January and hold early elections in February. Monday's vote follows a flurry of spending announcements in Ottawa last week, with the government trying to advance its agenda ahead of its demise.

Martin is expected to dissolve the House of Commons today and set a firm date for the elections. Under Canadian law, elections must be held on a Monday — unless it falls on a holiday — and the campaign period is sharply restricted.

'The vote in the House of Commons did not go our way,' Martin said. 'But the decision of the future of our government will be made by Canadians. They will judge us.'

Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper joined with the New Democratic and Bloc Québécois Parties to bring down the government — prompting the first Christmas and winter campaign in mostly Christian Canada in 26 years. Recent polls have given the Liberals a slight lead over the Conservatives, with the New Democrats in third place.

The same surveys suggest the Bloc Québécois would sweep the French-speaking province of Quebec, making a majority government unlikely.

no matter which party wins the most seats.

Harper would become prime minister if the Conservatives receive the most seats in Parliament. He favors tax cuts and opposed Martin's successful bill to legalize same-sex marriage throughout Canada.

Martin has had frosty relations with the White House, standing by the Liberal Party decision not to support the U.S. invasion of Iraq. He also declined to join in Washington's continental ballistic-missile shield, infuriating the Bush administration, has been called weak on terrorism, and was vocal in his opposition of high U.S. tariffs on Canadian lumber.

His push to legalize gay marriage throughout Canada also raised the hackles of Republicans south of the 49th parallel, but Martin is widely respected worldwide for Canada's neutrality and open arms toward immigrants and minorities.

Canada's conservatives, by contrast, are seen as much more receptive to improving relations with Washington, though a majority of Canadians opposed the war in Iraq and the policies of President Bush.

'This is not just the end of a tired, directionless, scandal-plagued government,' Harper said after Monday's vote. 'It's the start of a bright new future for this country.'

The opposition is banking on the public's disgust with a corruption scandal involving the misuse of funds targeted for a national unity program in Québec.

An initial investigation absolved Martin of wrongdoing, but accused senior Liberal members of taking kickbacks and mispending tens of millions of dollars in public funds.

The government ran into peril this month when it lost the support of the New Democratic Party, whose backing earlier this year helped Martin escape a previous no-confidence motion by a single vote. New Democrat leader Jack Layton said he had not received enough assurances the Liberal Party would fight the increased use of private health care in Canada.

Martin appears prepared to take his chances with a holiday campaign and blamed his opponents for any inconvenience to the predominantly Christian electorate.

The prime minister had promised to call an election

within 30 days of the release of a follow-up report on the corruption scandal. The document is expected Feb. 1, which would have meant elections in the first week of April, a time that suits Canadians better than the bitterly cold and busy holiday season.

Although no formal agreement is in place, all the parties are likely to agree to a pause in the campaign around the Christmas and New Year holidays. The campaign is expected to start today, after Parliament is dissolved.

Grace Skogstad, a political-science professor at the University of Toronto, said she believes Canadians will pay little attention to the election until after the New Year, so Martin's opponents are unlikely to face a backlash for forcing a holiday campaign.

'It's going to be those last three weeks after Jan. 1 that are going to matter,' said Skogstad, who believes the Liberals will win another minority government. 'For the Liberals, they are going to try to put all the focus on the economy, which is doing phenomenally well.'

Unemployment in Canada is at a 30-year low and Canada runs a budget surplus.

Andrew Stark, a political-science professor at the University of Toronto, also maintained that the campaign would not be decided until the final days. Stark, however, believes the Conservatives will win a minority government if Canadians view another Liberal and New Democrat coalition as being unaccountable with tax money.

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The last time a Canadian political campaign coincided with the holiday season was in 1979, when Joe Clark's minority Conservative government was toppled just weeks before Christmas. That vote was delayed until February, however, when Pierre Trudeau and the Liberals took back Parliament.

The latest collapse comes 17 months after an election that turned a Liberal majority into a fragile minority on June 28, 2004.

U.S.: More Iraqi troops are ready

BY ROBERT BURNS
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WASHINGTON — A growing number of Iraqi troop battalions — nearly four dozen as of this week — are playing lead roles in the fight against the insurgency, and American commanders have turned over more than two dozen U.S.-established bases to Iraqi government control, officials said Monday.

Those are among the signs of progress that the Bush administration is citing as evidence that the Iraqis not only want more responsibility on the security front but are capable of handling it with less assistance from U.S. troops.

The steps toward lessening the U.S. military role in Iraq come amid mounting political pressure on the Bush administration to reduce the American presence in the face of rising casualties and an unrelenting insurgency.

President Bush is to give a major speech Wednesday at the U.S. Naval Academy in which administration officials say he is expected to spotlight recent moves toward increasing

Iraqi security responsibilities. One recent step was putting Iraqi forces in full control of sections of Baghdad and other cities.

There are now approximately 160,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. They have trained and equipped around 212,000 Iraqi security forces, including infantry, commandos, special police battalions, and a variety of military support units. The figure is supposed to reach 230,000 by mid-December and top out at 325,000 by July 2007.

Pentagon officials acknowledge there are significant gaps in the Iraqis' ability to defend their country. They are unwilling to commit to any specific drawdown of U.S. forces next year, beyond the announced plan to pull back 28,000 troops who were added this fall for extra security during upcoming elections.

The remaining shortcomings range from the institutional (a lack of administrative and leadership support from the Ministries of Defense and Interior) to the personal (a

sometimes faint-heartedness among Iraqi troops).

Many in Congress have expressed worry at what they see as sluggish progress in training Iraqi security forces, even as U.S. commanders insist that measures of progress have been widely misunderstood.

Lt. Col. Fred Wellman, a spokesman in Baghdad for the U.S. command responsible for the training and equipping of Iraqi security forces, said Monday that approximately 130 Iraqi army and special police battalions are fighting the insurgency. Of the 130, about 45 are rated as "in the lead," with varying degrees of reliance on U.S. support. The exact numbers are classified as secret, but the 45 figure is about five higher than the number given Nov. 7 at a briefing by Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who previously led the training mission. And, it is about 10 higher than the figure Petraeus offered at a Pentagon briefing Oct. 5.

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EDITORIAL

Remember Iowa's prison problem

Now that both of the violent criminals who escaped from the Iowa State Penitentiary are safely back in custody, there is certainly cause for relief. But before we get too comfortable again, there are still many disturbing questions left unanswered about their prison break.

The prisoners, one convicted of murder and the other of kidnapping and attempted murder, simply threw a line over the facility's 30-foot wall, climbed over, and headed out. The security tower overlooking the wall was left vacant, because of a dangerous combination of budget cuts and mismanagement.

Seeking to cut costs, the prison-budget subcommittee chose three years ago to reduce the number of guards in the security towers. This was supposed to be compensated for by an electronic wire system that would sound an alarm if anyone tried to climb over the wall. Apparently, the alarm failed. Even now, officials say that they don't have the resources to staff the security towers 24 hours a day. This is unfortunate, because the escape demonstrates that mechanical safety systems cannot be reliably used in place of human guards.

Ken Burger, the warden, has been dismissed by Gov. Tom Vilsack, and seven prison employees have been disciplined. Vilsack, who is bringing out-of-state security experts to assess the penitentiary, denies the role of limited funds and blamed the escape on employees not "doing their jobs." It's always positive that people who have failed in positions of responsibility are removed, which certainly contrasts with the federal level, where those who make critical errors are defended or even rewarded. But the blame for the escape can't end with Burger — whom Vilsack awarded the "Leader of the Year" honor in 2004.

Fortunately, the governor is also investigating the feasibility of

building a new prison. The current facility was built in 1839 and is considered one of the oldest prisons west of the Mississippi. It is also the most expensive in the state to maintain by far, drawing \$41.8 million in operating costs for fiscal 2006. A facility whose design reflects the technical advances of the past 166 years should offer substantial savings while improving security as well as a reasonable one.

Iowa taxpayers are likely to be resistant to the idea of paying millions for a new prison. This is false economy. Aside from the threat the escaped prisoners posed to the public, how much money was spent on the manhunt? Allocating money to prisons may not always be popular, but it is necessary. Investing in secure prisons is more cost-effective and keeps the public safe.

Johnson County has two examples of this kind of financial shortsightedness. A proposal to replace the county jail was defeated in 2000, and we hoped then that alternatives could be found to solve this problem. However, with the current jail housing twice as many prisoners as it was designed for, the county's best solution has been to spend more hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to send prisoners elsewhere. Worse, in 2003, two inmates — including a convicted murderer — briefly escaped from the state prison in Oakdale, as well.

Investing in better facilities will save money and headaches in the long term, here and elsewhere in the state. Beyond the money, public safety, too, is at stake. When prisons are overcrowded and understaffed, the guards are more likely to be overwhelmed, leading to dangerous lapses in security. Luckily, both convicts were recaptured this time, but Iowans shouldn't trust luck — they should invest in a safer future.

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TA trickery

The arguments that Linda Maxson, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, makes to justify new faculty and TA cuts are disingenuous enough to be insulting. The plan to boost the UI's standing in one area by cutting funding to actual education is built on nothing but irresponsible hopes and half-truths.

It is not true that new faculty and TA lines are the only funds available for reallocation; it is true that reductions in those areas will not improve the main mission of the liberal-arts school: quality instruction. Cut the number of people teaching, and you cut the amount of teaching getting done. TAs in the liberal-arts school have more than 60 percent of the undergraduate contact hours. We should stop pretending they are not essential to the UI's success.



It is also not true that university-wide faculty raises will go to every faculty member. They are targeted increases, designed only to look good on paper. They will not be fair. Some will

get salary raises; some will not. The percentage increase will not be the same in every case. Further, there is no guarantee that this scheme will work as intended. If it does, it will be temporary. Giving up real strengths to gain short-lived appearances is foolish.

Relying even more heavily on the permanent part-time labor (read: dead-end teaching jobs) of lecturers is a short-term solution that leads to more serious long-term problems. It is not cheaper; it is merely digging deeper into the hole. In terms of actual teaching, we're doing a better job than many of our Committee on Institutional Cooperation peers. Why do we want to be more like them? The rankings that UI administrators are trying to manipulate are nothing but smoke and mirrors, impressive only to those who don't know their real cost.

Christopher Burgess
COGS campus chief steward
UI graduate student

GUEST OPINION

An out-of-tune plan for CD security

Sony BMG, the world's second-largest record company, shot itself in the foot so badly this month that it may have wounded the entire music industry. Its disastrous dalliance with invasive antipiracy technology gives music fans yet another reason to view the major record labels as victimizers — not victims.

With its CD sales slumping and market share dwindling, Sony BMG has been unusually aggressive in its efforts to stop people from getting songs for free. This year it has focused on stopping CDs from being copied, a phenomenon that the Recording Industry Association of America recently ranked as the industry's biggest problem.

It's a tricky proposition, both technically and culturally. CDs were not designed to prevent copying, and music lovers in the United States have grown accustomed to copying music onto their computers, portable devices, and recordable CDs. But Sony BMG was dazzled by new antipiracy technologies that promised to stop computers from making more than a few copies of a CD. The company decided this year to put these technologies on every disc it released.

Unfortunately for Sony BMG — and luckily for everyone else — a computer whiz discovered that this new technology surreptitiously loaded programs onto a PC that hid themselves from view and resisted removal. This approach created an alarming vulnerability that hackers were quick to exploit. Sony BMG and its partner soon offered a program to fix that problem, but the software made it possible for hackers to hijack users' computers through the web.

Finally sensing that the technology did more harm than good, the label recalled approximately 5 million CDs that used the controversial software —

more than 50 titles. Anyone who bought one of the affected discs can exchange it for an untainted version.

The recall is costly, but it may be the least of the record company's worries. The Texas attorney general, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and several private lawyers have filed lawsuits against Sony BMG, arguing that the antipiracy software violated consumers' rights or state laws.

Undeterred, Sony BMG continues to put out CDs carrying anti-copying software by another antipiracy software outfit. According to the Freedom to Tinker blog, putting one of these CDs into a computer installs hard-to-remove software that alerts the company whenever a CD loaded with its technology is played.

This kind of invasiveness is mind-boggling, and what does it accomplish? It doesn't stop piracy. Anyone who wants to make a few hundred duplicates of a new Sony BMG release can easily find versions online that can be copied without limit.

In fact, Sony BMG's tactics might have the opposite effect. "Digital rights management" technology can be a boon to consumers, enabling new ways to experience music that are more flexible and personalized than 12 songs sold on a plastic disc. But Sony BMG used the technology to give CD buyers less than they're accustomed to, effectively treating every customer as a potential lawbreaker.

As a result, many music fans are more resistant to the whole idea of rights management. It's hard to blame them, when its purpose is not so much to manage their rights as to reduce them.

This editorial appeared in Monday's *Los Angeles Times*.

The Katrina touch

So I see we've come to this point in Iraq (well, at least we've come to a point; for the longest time, it seemed as though there were no points in Iraq, just roadside bombs [cleverly sanitized as IEDs in U.S. military lingo], and suicide bombers, and a lack of electricity and water but not a lack of death, and the Stealth President assuring us that the insurgency was in its "last throes" while the insurgency was proving nearly daily that it still had plenty of throw left.)

Anyway, the point we've come to is this: Ayad Allawi, the former Iraqi interim prime minister and a secular Shiite, told the *Observer* of London that human-rights abuses under the current Iraqi government were as bad as those under Saddam.

Oh, swell. All these tens of tens of tens of tens of thousands of deaths later, and we've managed to get Iraq back to where it was under Saddam. Only with continual insurgent attacks. And sporadic electrical and water service.

It's as if we had put Michael Brown in charge of Iraq. (You all remember Brownie, don't you? The former head of FEMA who did such a bang-up job in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina did a truly bang-up job? Brownie, by the way, is now a emergency-management consultant. No, really. I think he's the kind of consultant that, if everything's going along more or less fine, you call him in, and he creates a disaster.)

You ever notice that just about everything this administration touches turns into the aftermath of Katrina?

Of course, you point this out, and immediately the conservatives accuse you of being unpatriotic and treasonous.

That's what happened to Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., a week and a half ago, when he renounced his support for the war and said we should redeploy the troops. The conservative slime machine immediately Swift Boated him. Murtha was, the machine line went, a coward and a traitor.

Murtha is, in fact, a decorated war veteran, unlike, ahem, George W. Bush or Dick Cheney (Cheney should be known as Deferment Dick).

Before we lionize Murtha a tad too much, we should recall that he, the top Democrat on the House defense appropriations subcommittee, in 2004 helped to write a bill securing funding that benefited 10 companies represented by a lobbying firm in which his brother, Robert Murtha, is a senior partner. Hmm. As reported by the *Los Angeles Times* on June 13, those clients of the lobbying firm (one of whose top officials included Carmen Scialabba, who worked for Rep. Murtha for 27 years — hmmm), got \$20.8 million from the bill.

I would like to say "Hmmm" again, but my "h" and "m" keys just wore out.

Since Murtha's speech, administration officials have been increasingly defensive, contending for the most part that their claims about Saddam in the run-up to the war were based on the same intelligence that war critics had.

That is, in plain and simple English, utterly false. For instance, thanks to Murray Wass of the *National Journal*, we now know that on Sept. 21, 2001, high administration officials were told in the President's Daily Brief that there was no connection between Saddam and Al Qaeda. But a year later, Bush and Cheney were pounding that connection home, trying to make a case to go to war.

Or take Saddam's biological and chemical weapons. Long, long after German intelligence officials had told the U.S. that the "source" for these claims was completely unreliable, Bush (State of the Union address, January 2003) and Colin Powell (U.N. address, February 2003) stated those claims as fact.

There are many, many other instances (the aluminum tubes, the Niger uranium sale), all demonstrably false, all used to sell a war.

A war that has brought us to this point: When Saddam was taken to court Monday, his U.S. guards had to walk him, shackled, up four flights of stairs. Why? Because the elevator didn't work.

Two and a half years of war, thousands of deaths, and an elevator in the Green Zone doesn't work. Ah, the Katrina touch. ■

Beau Elliot believes that Deferment Dick comes from the rings of Saturn and was inadvertently brought back by Sigourney Weaver in one of the *Alien* sequels. Of course, he also believes George W. comes from the rings around Rosy, pockets full of posy.



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ARTS & CULTURE

IMAGES ACCRUING LIFE

BY MAGGIE ANDERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Standing in a roomful of Jane Hammond's paintings, you might think you've landed in the pages of an *I Spy* book or a teeming, convoluted circus.

Vivid and disparate images abound in Hammond's paintings. A cheetah rests on a ledge, while an owl observes; above, a medieval court jester dances for a towering cup and saucer. In another painting, women's faces sit atop sharply chiseled bodies with surprising female anatomy — a shocking sexual question mark — yet acrobats merrily balance hands-on-shoulders in the background.

"I like to explore not only how the same image can have different meanings in different settings but also how an image accrues a life over various paintings, how it bears some vestiges of meanings it had in previous paintings."

— Jane Hammond

"Her work has a real collage sensibility," said Susan White, an assistant professor of art. Hammond will present a lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday in E109 Art Building.

Hammond's paintings, while fantastic, are rooted in a static and printed matter. The Connecticut-born artist deliberately limits herself to a collection of 276 images she amassed in the late 1980s.

"She's been compiling this reservoir of images — she's a real scavenger that way," White said. Scraps as diverse and typically discarded as puzzle pieces, wrapping paper, can labels, and medical drawings form Hammond's stock art.

Hammond says her constant source pool allows



Artist Jane Hammond's mixed media work, *All Souls (Colombo)*. Hammond will visit the UI to give a lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday as a guest of the School of Art and Art History.

the images to continually grow in both her mind and the viewer's.

"I like to explore not only how the same image can have different meanings in different settings but also how an image accrues a life over various paintings, how it bears some vestiges of meanings it had in previous paintings," she said in an interview with *BOMB*, a magazine dedicated to new artistic developments.

By situating images

differently in relation to each other, applying them in layers, and distorting the original representation, Hammond deconstructs former interpretations to reconstruct new ones over the span of several works.

"The subject shifts constantly, in the way she handles it compositionally," White said. "She sets up a structure, but she always finds a way to break it."

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The buzz on alcohol

BY ADAM GREENBERG
THE DAILY IOWAN

You might not have ever been in trouble with the law because of an incident involving alcohol, but for some, the letters P-A-U-L-A and O-W-I are painfully familiar.

In an effort to promote responsible drinking for those above the legal age and to encourage nonalcoholic activities for those not yet 21, an event titled "Drunken Stupor ... a Judge, a Prosecutor, the Police, and You" will attempt to display, in a quasi-comical way, the dangers of alcohol today at 7 p.m. in the IMU Main Ballroom.

The event, sponsored by Fraternity and Sorority Life and several other UI organizations, focuses on the current legal consequences of underage drinking, fake ID use, and other alcohol-related crimes. It will also illustrate how these charges can jeopardize postgraduate aspirations of an internship, job, or acceptance into graduate school, said Angela Bong, a graduate assistant for the student organization. Helping to iterate these points, an executive from US Bank will attend to spell out how a police record can affect the hiring process.

The issues surrounding alcohol consumption are constantly at the forefront of the UI and community consciousness. The Iowa City City Council continues to ponder raising the bar-entrance age from 19 to 21. And the number of underage drinkers charged with PAULAs in 2004 hit 1,337, while 1,078 pedestrians were arrested for public intoxication.

"Drunken Stupor" is sponsored primarily by the Panhellenic Association and the Interfraternity Council, the two governing bodies of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Other UI organizations involved in

planning and promoting the event include Residence Services, Athletics Student Services, Student Legal Services, Health Iowa, and the Tippie College of Business.

Tonight will also serve as a forum for students to ask questions of a police officer, a prosecutor, and a judge about anything that might have to do with alcohol, said Jenn Hendricks, the head of public relations for the Panhellenic Association.

Several law students will imbibe throughout the event to achieve different levels of intoxication as a demonstration. Police will perform field sobriety tests on the students, and a raffle advocating nonalcoholic activities will give away tickets to Hawkeye basketball games and movies and gift certificates to restaurants. Audience members will then be privy to how police handle different cases — and witness how foolish one might look when she or he has had far too much to drink.

E-mail *DI* reporter Adam Greenberg at: adam-greenberg@uiowa.edu

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Bellicose Saddam appears in Iraqi court

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A combative Saddam Hussein lashed out Monday at his treatment by American "occupiers and invaders" and lectured the chief judge about leadership as his trial resumed in a rambling and unfocused session.

Two of the seven other defendants also spoke out during the 2½-hour hearing, complaining of their treatment in detention or dissatisfaction with their court-appointed counsel. The court's tolerance of such comments drew sharp complaints from Shiite politicians, who contend that the tribunal is trying too hard to accommodate an ousted dictator who should have already been convicted and executed.

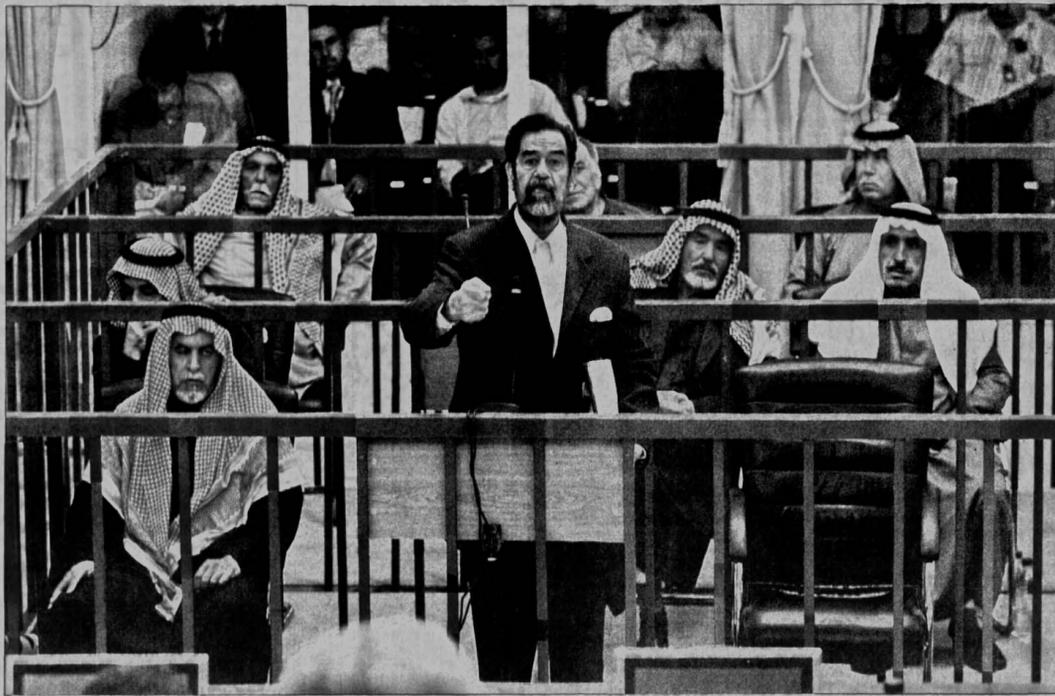
"The chief judge should be changed and replaced by someone who is strict and courageous," said Shiite legislator Ali al-Adeeb, a senior official in Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's party.

The tribunal adjourned until next week to give the defense time to replace lawyers slain since the trial opened Oct. 19. Monday was only the second session of the trial.

Saddam, immaculately groomed and the only defendant wearing Western clothes, moved quickly to try to seize control of the proceedings at the heavily guarded Baghdad court.

While other defendants appeared frightened and exhausted, Saddam swaggered confidently to his seat, greeting people along the way with the traditional Arabic greeting, "Peace be upon the people of peace" as he cradled a copy of the Koran.

He began with a verse from the Muslim holy book that reminds believers who aspire for heaven that God knows who actually participated in jihad, or



Ben Curtis, pool/Associated Press

Saddam Hussein admonishes the judge during his trial in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone on Monday. Saddam and his fellow defendants face charges that they ordered the killing in 1982 of nearly 150 people in the mainly Shiite village of Dujail.

holy war: "You thought you would be rewarded with heaven, as if God doesn't know who took part in jihad and who has persevered."

He then complained that he had to walk up four flights of stairs in shackles and accompanied by "foreign guards," because the elevator was not working.

The chief judge, Rizgar Mohammed Amin, said he would tell the police not to let that happen again.

"You are the chief judge," Saddam snapped back. "I don't want you to tell them. I want you to

order them. They are in our country. You have the sovereignty. You are Iraqi, and they are foreigners and occupiers. They are invaders. You should order them."

Saddam also complained that some of his papers had been taken from him.

"How can a defendant defend himself if his pen was taken? Saddam Hussein's pen and papers were taken. I don't mean a white paper. There are papers downstairs that include my remarks in which I express my opinion," he said.

Amin ordered bailiffs to give

Saddam pen and paper.

The tribunal allowed former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and prominent lawyers from Qatar and Jordan to join the defense team as advisers, a move aimed at convincing foreign human-rights groups that the trial would meet international standards of fairness.

Also, the chief judge ordered all handcuffs and shackles removed from the defendants before they entered the courtroom — another gesture toward the accused.

The defendants stand accused

of killing more than 140 Shiite Muslims after an assassination attempt against Saddam in the Shiite town of Dujail in 1982. Convictions could bring a sentence of death by hanging.

None of the nearly 35 prosecution witnesses testified Monday, but the prosecution entered into evidence two videotapes — one shot in the aftermath of the assassination attempt showing Saddam in military uniform interrogating three villagers. The second was a videotaped statement by former intelligence officer Wadah Israel

al-Sheik made last month, shortly before he died of cancer.

Amin read the transcript as the tape played without sound. According to the transcript, al-Sheik, who appeared frail and sat in a wheelchair in a U.S.-controlled hospital, said approximately 400 people were detained after the assassination attempt, although he estimated only seven to 12 gunmen actively participated in the ambush of Saddam's convoy.

"I don't know why so many people were arrested," al-Sheik said, adding that Barazan Ibrahim, the head of intelligence at the time, "was the one directly giving the orders."

A day after the assassination attempt, whole families were rounded up and taken to Abu Ghraib prison, he said.

Al-Sheik noted that co-defendant Taha Yassin Ramadan, a former vice president, headed a committee that ordered orchards — the basis of Dujail's livelihood — to be destroyed because they had been used to conceal the assailants.

AP reporters Qassim Abdul-Zahra, Bassam Mroue, and Sameer N. Yacoub contributed to this report.

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Peyton Manning

Colts 26, Patriots 17

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning led his team to a 26-17 victory over the New England Patriots on Monday night.

Manning threw for 273 yards and three touchdowns, including a 45-yard strike for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. The Colts' defense held the Patriots to 17 points.

Now they can finish the month of November with a win. The Colts have beaten the Patriots in four of the last five meetings.

While there are obstacles ahead, the Colts' match the 1972 perfect regular season with San Francisco and Seattle, the favored in all five.

In shutting down a staunch, aggressive defense, the Colts yielded only 17 points. This series dating back to Monday night in November, an career victory finish off the month.

They handed Ben Roethlisberger a defeat; he was do much in his missing three knee surgery.

The Colts set a record with a win in earning combining the and Indianapolis.

Edgerrin James rushed to gain Pittsburgh in 23:124 on 29 carries. Roethlisberger rushing with 200 yards. Parker broke a final moments.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Smith honored

Iowa guard Matt Smith was named Big Ten Player of the Week for the second time on Monday.

Smith broke school records to the Odessa Tournament Team.

The Haughton to her home school-record most in Big Ten school-record attempts, and record 15 free throw over-time loss.

In an 85-66 Oklahoma, Smith 15 points and five steals.

In the Hawkeyes over Rider, she led a game-high shooting from the 3-point range, foul line. Smithing from the field record for field.

Smith averaged rebounds, three steals per game. She finished the week from the field, the perimeter, and the line.

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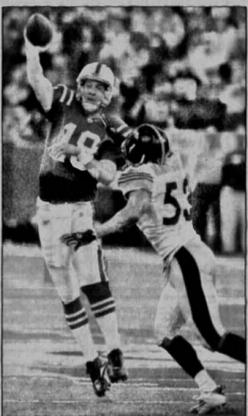
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Colts 26, Steelers 7

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts are showing aside challengers as if they'll never be beaten. Now the Pittsburgh Steelers are out of the way, too.

From their first offensive play Monday night, the unbeaten Colts dominated the Steelers, winning their 11th-straight game. Peyton Manning hit a streaking Marvin Harrison in stride for an 80-yard score, and the Colts never looked back.

Now they can look forward to the final month of what is becoming an extraordinary season. The 11th team ever to go 11-0 and the first since Denver in 1998, the Colts have beaten three of their main AFC competitors — the Patriots, Bengals, and Steelers (7-4) — in a span of four weeks.

While there are some significant obstacles ahead in their quest to match the 1972 Miami Dolphins' perfect regular season, such as meetings with San Diego, Jacksonville, and Seattle, the Colts should be favored in all five remaining games.

In shutting down Pittsburgh with a staunch, aggressive defense that yielded only 197 yards, the Colts also ended a seven-game slide in this series dating to 1984. Manning hurdled his New England jinx on a Monday night at the beginning of November, and he got his first career victory over Pittsburgh to finish off the month.

They handed Steeler quarterback Ben Roethlisberger his first road defeat; he was 9-0, but he couldn't do much in his first game back after missing three weeks because of knee surgery.

The Colts also set a franchise record with a 10th-straight home win in earning their 400th victory, combining the years in Baltimore and Indianapolis.

Edgerrin James became the first rusher to gain 100 yards against Pittsburgh in 23 games, running for 124 on 29 carries. By contrast, Roethlisberger led the Steelers in rushing with 21 yards until Willie Parker broke a 24-yard run in the final moments.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Smith honored

Iowa guard Crystal Smith earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for the second time in her career on Monday.

Smith broke or matched five school records and was selected to the Odwalla Classic All-Tournament Team.

The Houghton, La., native returned to her home state and posted a school-record 46 points — second most in Big Ten history, shot a school-record 19 free-throw attempts, and equaled a school-record 15 free throws in a 95-91 double-overtime loss to Louisiana Tech.

In an 85-68 loss to No. 22 Oklahoma, Smith had team-high 15 points and earned a game-high five steals.

In the Hawkeyes 88-41 victory over Rider, the senior guard collected a game-high 24 points on 9-of-9 shooting from the field, 4-of-4 from 3-point range, and 2-of-2 from the foul line. Smith's 100 percent shooting from the field equals an Iowa record for field goal percentage.

Smith averaged 28.3 points, 4.3 rebounds, three assists, and 2.7 steals per game last week. She finished the week with 26 of 55 (.473) from the field, 10 of 25 (.400) from the perimeter, and 23 of 28 (.821) at the line.

— by Ryan Long



Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz speaks after the Hawkeyes' 19-16 victory over Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 29, 2001, in San Antonio.

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

San Antonio or Tampa — start booking flights.

After a strong finish, the Iowa football team appears to be headed to the Alamo Bowl or Outback Bowl, barring unforeseen upsets Saturday in the conference title games. Alamo Bowl officials are excited by the prospects of bringing the Hawkeyes down for the fourth time in 13 years.

"We have a great track record with them," Alamo Bowl representative Rick Hill said Monday. "They are a class organization, plus, they just finished real strong. We know their fans are going to come here."

The Alamo Bowl, which selects fourth in the Big Ten behind the BCS, Capital One, and Outback Bowls, is scheduled for Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Alamodome.

The Hawkeyes won the 2001 and 1996 Alamo Bowls against Texas Tech and lost there in 1993 against California.

Iowa's postseason destination, like the rest of the bowl eligible teams in the Big Ten, depends on Ohio State earning an at-large BCS bid. The Buckeyes (9-2) are ranked sixth in Monday's BCS standings.

The BCS selects its teams on Dec. 4, which is when the other bowls will make their choices. The Alamo Bowl is expected to make its selections by 5 or 5:30 p.m.

If Ohio State is selected, which many believe is a likely scenario, all the conference teams would move up the bowl pecking order. Hill said he will be "surprised" if another team, such as Oregon, is chosen over Ohio State in the BCS.

It's been reported that Wisconsin, under the assumption the Buckeyes make the BCS, has been offered a Capital One Bowl berth, which leaves the Outback Bowl to select between Michigan and Iowa.

The Alamo Bowl would take the other.

Hill speculated that the Outback Bowl is waiting to see who the Southeastern Conference team will be, which can't be determined until after the LSU-Georgia game Saturday, until picking the Big Ten school.

The Alamo Bowl is also excited about the possible homecoming of Iowa's Texas natives.

Hawkeye quarterback Drew Tate, who is from Baytown, Texas — just three hours from San Antonio, played in the Alamodome in high school. Tate became the state's most prolific signal caller, passing for 12,180 yards and 113 touchdowns.

"Down here, that would create some interest," Hill said.

From the Big 12, Hill said the committee is looking at Oklahoma and Nebraska. The Holiday Bowl selects before the Alamo and is expected to

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Check back Wednesday for more on Iowa's chances at earning a bid to the Outback Bowl.

Hoopsters enter key run



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Iowa forward Greg Brunner soars for a dunk on a Maryland-East Shore defender on Nov. 14 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes will play North Carolina State on Wednesday night in Carver.

"They know what they've got to do. They've got to finish strong. We've had a good semester academically, so they must finish strong here during finals week and during that time play five games in that stretch that are a really key five games to set up our break time."

— Steve Alford, Iowa coach

BY NICK RICHARDS
THE DAILY IOWAN

The 14th-ranked Iowa basketball team begins a key five-game stretch Wednesday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, starting with newly ranked and undefeated North Carolina State in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. The 5-0 Wolfpack entered the new polls at No. 24 after beating Notre Dame in the Wooden Tradition.

The five-game run stretches over 10 days, finishing Dec. 9 at Iowa State, with the Hawkeye Challenge and a date at Northern Iowa sandwiched in between.

"It's a huge stretch," senior Greg Brunner said Monday. "Five games in 10 days — plus it's leading into finals week. I think it's huge, because we have to make sure we do everything right these next five games, and we have to make sure we do everything right the next three weeks in school."

The five-game run is the second such stretch the

Hawkeyes have had in the young season. Iowa played five games over 12 days, which concluded with a 79-46 win Nov. 26 over Texas-San Antonio.

"They know what they've got to do. They've got to finish strong," coach Steve Alford said. "We've had a good semester academically, so they must finish strong here during finals week and during that time play five games in that stretch that are a really key five games to set up our break time."

Both Jeff Horner and Brunner put any questions about their health to rest. Horner suffered a high left thigh bruise early in Iowa's win over the Roadrunners, taking a hit on the leg at the 18-minute mark in the first half while fighting through a screen. He played through the injury but came out of the game and went to the locker room with just over five minutes remaining.

SEE BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B

MEN'S X-COUNTRY Harriers on the rise

BY MICHAEL SCHMIDT
THE DAILY IOWAN

When the 2004 Iowa men's cross-country season concluded, the 13th-place NCAA championship finish gave the program new life.

From that moment on, the Hawkeyes were contenders on the national scene. Thus, last year's triumph led to immediate recognition of what was possible for the 2005 season.

While Iowa fell short of its goal of top 10 at the NCAAs this year, the seven-meet schedule provided snapshot moments on its way to 19th place at the Nov. 21 national meet.

"While we didn't reach our ultimate goals, I would say it was a successful season," Iowa coach Larry Wiecek said. "Overall, any time we went out, we had a pretty good performance."

The Hawkeyes were ranked anywhere from No. 10 to No. 20 in the Mondo Men's NCAA-I Cross-Country Poll during the season. Iowa hosted and won the Hawkeye Open to start the schedule, followed up by third-place finishes at the Roy Griak Invitational and the Murray Keatinge Invitational, both high-profile meets.

Most of the team's top finishes were attributed to its airtight running pack. Only one runner, Eric MacTaggart, led the Hawkeyes in more than two meets. Often, Wiecek called his runners "interchangeable parts."

"There wasn't a consistent No. 1, No. 2, or No. 3 runner all season," senior Matt Esche

SEE MEN'S X-COUNTRY, PAGE 3B

WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY

Runners make progress

BY DAN PARR
THE DAILY IOWAN

A national ranking and an individual qualifier at the NCAA championships.

The Iowa women's cross-country team finally has something to hang its spikes on in the off-season, as the reign of coach Layne Anderson reaches the three-year mark.

"All the seasons have seen improvements, but the national ranking was a big turning point," he said. "Getting the Hawkeye uniform back to the national meet is another thing."

That uniform came on the body of sophomore Meghan Armstrong at the conclusion to a season in which she finished first among her teammates at every race.

The Tualatin, Ore., native was the lone NCAA qualifier for the Hawks. She finished in 79th out of 253 runners with a time of 20:56 in the 6,000-meters on Nov. 21.

"I'll remember this season as a team taking a real big step forward," Armstrong said. "I always thought that track was my forte. This year, I realized I can compete with the best people in cross-country."

Her soft-spoken leadership was on full display at the team's peak performance on Oct. 15 at the Pre-National meet.

The harriers placed 13th out of 35 teams, and Armstrong finished 22nd out of 232 competing runners.

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Armstrong
sophomore

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	5	0	.545	243	279
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	161	223
Miami	4	7	0	.364	195	217
N.Y. Jets	2	9	0	.182	140	248

SOUTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	11	0	0	1.000	331	159
Jacksonville	8	3	0	.727	235	187
Tennessee	3	8	0	.273	236	284
Houston	1	10	0	.091	168	325

NORTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	3	0	.727	289	208
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	243	187
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	169	194
Baltimore	3	8	0	.273	145	226

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	9	2	0	.818	283	190
San Diego	7	4	0	.636	323	219
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	270	230
Oakland	4	7	0	.364	239	262

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	243	188
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.455	217	224
Washington	5	6	0	.455	229	246

SOUTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	8	4	0	.682	216	196
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	271	213
Atlanta	3	8	0	.273	180	285

NORTH

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	182	120
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	198	257
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	174	220

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	2	9	0	.182	232	223
Seattle	9	2	0	.818	296	208
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455	285	327
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	222	292
San Francisco	2	9	0	.182	173	323

Monday's Game

Indianapolis 26, Pittsburgh 7
Sunday, Dec. 4
Buffalo at Miami, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 12 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Houston at Baltimore, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 12 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. New Orleans at Baton Rouge, La., 12 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 5
Seattle at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Charlotte at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's Games

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	16	7	3	.35	86	85
N.Y. Rangers	12	3	29	91	78	
Philadelphia	12	11	1	25	76	84
N.Y. Islanders	11	9	2	24	74	75
New Jersey	7	11	6	20	72	102

NORTHWEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	18	3	0	36	100	45
Ottawa	14	6	4	32	72	73
Montreal	14	8	3	31	88	84
Toronto	14	9	1	29	80	78
Boston	8	12	5	21	79	89

SOUTHWEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	15	7	1	31	81	71
Tampa Bay	13	3	29	82	80	
Atlanta	10	12	2	22	88	90
Washington	8	14	2	18	68	100
Florida	7	14	4	18	59	81

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Central	18	6	2	38	100	66
Detroit	14	4	3	31	83	57
Nashville	13	11	2	28	71	63
Chicago	6	18	0	12	44	87
Columbus	4	15	3	11	58	89

NORTHWEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Vancouver	14	8	3	31	63	64
Edmonton	14	10	1	29	78	73
Colorado	13	8	3	29	95	77
Minnesota	10	10	2	22	54	54

PACIFIC

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Los Angeles	16	8	1	33	93	74
Dallas	15	7	1	31	79	67
Phoenix	11	2	28	71	63	
Anaheim	10	11	4	24	64	67
San Jose	8	11	4	20	62	80

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Monday's Games

Toronto 2, Florida 1
Detroit 5, Los Angeles 2
Today's Games

Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Wednesday's Games

New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Lions roar, fire coach

BY LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions fired coach Steve Mariucci on Monday and promoted defensive coordinator Dick Jauron to succeed him on an interim basis.

Mariucci's record with the Lions was 15-28. His 2003 hiring was hailed by fans and media alike, but he was not able to turn around a team that has won one playoff game since 1957.

"It's hard for me to stand up here in this position, because Steve is a friend," said Jauron, who had a 35-46 record as head coach of the Bears from 1999-2003.

After Detroit lost 27-7 to the Atlanta Falcons on Thanksgiving Day to fall to 4-7, reports swirled that the team was considering firing Mariucci. When Mariucci was not let go over the weekend, some thought his job was safe for the final five games of the regular season.

"We started off this season with high expectations. I believed this was a roster that was capable of making a playoff run," team President Matt Millen said at an afternoon news conference. "We have not lived up to our expectations. We have underachieved as a football team."

Millen, who said the decision to fire Mariucci was made Monday, also fired offensive line coach Pat Morris and tight ends coach Andy Sugarman.

The Lions have lost four of five games since a solid start put them atop the NFC North with the Chicago Bears. The team has collapsed on and off the field, with players failing to produce and some bickering with one another and questioning the coaches' game plans.

Offensive tackle Jeff Backus said players had not been notified of the move.

"Something had to give, I guess," he told the Associated Press. "It's not my job to judge whether Mariucci did a good job or bad job, but we're in a bottom-line business, and our bottom line hasn't been very good."

Mariucci has more than two years remaining on the \$25 million contract he signed in 2003. The Michigan native came to the Lions from San Francisco, where he was 60-43 over six seasons.

Mariucci was cut some slack in the past, because the team he inherited was crafted by Millen, but expectations were high heading into his third season.

"I think we need to [make the



Chris O'Meara/Associated Press
Detroit Lion coach Steve Mariucci grabs tackle Kevin Butler during the Lions' 17-13 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Oct. 2 in Tampa, Fla. The disappointing Detroit Lions fired Mariucci on Monday.

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— Detroit Lions President Matt Millen

playoffs]. We want to, and we're going to make it happen," Mariucci said before the season. "If we win 10 or 11 ballgames and make the playoffs, it would make us happy and make the fans happy."

Millen hired both Mariucci and his predecessor, Marty Mornhinweg, and drafted or signed most of the players currently on the Lions — and Detroit is an NFL-worst 20-55 since 2001. Millen, a former NFL linebacker and TV analyst was given a five-year extension before this season.

Jauron, Detroit's defensive coordinator the past two seasons, was fired in 2003 after four losing seasons in five years with the Bears. He was selected as NFL coach of the year during his lone winning season in Chicago.

"We need to take these next five weeks, and we need to play ... and see what we can get out of it," Jauron said. "I don't have plans other than the next game."

The Lions are the first team since the NFL and AFL merged drafts in 1967 to draft

receivers in the first round three-straight years.

Charles Rogers missed most of his first two seasons with injuries and was suspended for four games this year for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Roy Williams has made his share of plays but has struggled to stay healthy. Rookie Mike Williams, also slowed by injuries, has shown few flashes of promise.

Detroit's quarterback situation also hurt Mariucci's chances for success.

Joey Harrington, the third overall pick in 2002, has failed to be consistent throughout his career. The Lions added a veteran to push Harrington or replace him, but 35-year-old Jeff Garcia has been nagged by injuries and an inability to throw deep passes.

The Lions' porous offensive line has added to their passing- and running-game woes, while a decent defense has been hampered by being on the field too long — and by injuries.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
New Jersey	7	7	0	.500	—
Philadelphia	7	7	0	.500	—
Boston	5	8	.385	1%	
New York	4	9	.308	2%	
Toronto	1	14	.067	6%	

SOUTHWEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Miami	8	6	.571	—	
Orlando	7	6	.538	1/2	
Washington	6	9	.400	1 1/2	
Charlotte	5	9	.357	3	
Atlanta	2	10	.167	5	

CENTRAL

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	2	.833	—	
Cleveland	9	4	.692	1 1/2	
Indianapolis	8	4	.667	2	
Chicago	6	5	.545	3 1/2	
Milwaukee	6	5	.500	4	

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Dallas	10	3	.769	—	
San Antonio	10	3	.769	—	
Memphis	9	5	.643	1 1/2	
New Orleans	6	7	.462	4	
Houston	3	11	.214	7 1/2	

NORTHWEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	5	.583	—	
Denver	6	7	.462	1 1/2	
Utah	6	8	.429	2	
Portland	5	7	.417	2 1/2	
Seattle	5	6	.455	2 1/2	

PACIFIC

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	9	4	.692	—	
Oakland State	10	6	.625	—	
Phoenix	7	7	.500	1 1/2	
Sacramento	6	7	.462	3	
L.A. Lakers	5	7	.417	3 1/2	

Sunday's Games

Portland 77, Atlanta 75
Indiana 97, L.A. Clippers 92
New Jersey 102, L.A. Lakers 96, OT

Monday's Games

Dallas 93, Toronto 91
Orlando 87, Boston 83
Miami 107, New York 94
New Jersey 101, Denver 92
Golden State 99, New Orleans 83

Today's Games

Portland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 8 p.m.

Iowa picks up some speed

BY TYSON WIRTH
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa erupted for 52 points in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 19. The offensive explosion sparked a victory over Minnesota, a promotion in the Hawkeyes bowl prospects, and an oral commitment from one of the fastest seniors in Missouri.



Chaney
Iowa's 10th oral commitment

Paul Chaney, a 5-8, 161-pound athlete from St. Louis, orally committed to the Hawkeyes the next day.

"Everyone was real excited," said Chaney, rated a two-star prospect by Rivals.com "I came out in the hall, and word got around the offices real quick. All the coaches came out and told me congratulations."

Chaney played quarterback as a senior, but Iowa recruited him as a wideout and return man. He is the defending state champion in both the 100-meter dash, which he ran in 10.54 seconds, and the 200-meter, which he finished in 21.25 seconds.

At a Nike camp last spring in Manhattan, Kan., he was timed at 4.37 in the 40-yard dash, which tied for the camp's best mark.

"He's definitely one of the fastest kids in the area and maybe even in the nation," said Rivals recruiting analyst Jeremy Crabtree. "He's a guy who might

2006 ORAL COMMITMENTS

Iowa currently ranks No. 40 nationally, according to Rivals.com

Name	Position	Commitment
Anthony Bowman	WR/RB	Orchard Lake, Mich.
Braylon Broughton	DE	Dallas
Paul Chaney	WR	St. Louis
James Cleveland	WR	Baytown, Texas
Ryan Donahue	K/P	Chicago
A.J. Edds	TE	Greenwood, Ind.
Karl Klug	LB	Caledonia, Minn.
Julian Smith	LB	New Berlin, N.Y.
Jeff Tarpinian	DB	Omaha, Neb.
Julian Vandervelde	OL	Davenport

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— Rivals recruiting analyst Jeremy Crabtree

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Chaney plans to run track as well as play football at Iowa. The 10th member of Iowa's 2006 recruiting class, he is the

third receiver to commit, along with James Cleveland and Anthony Bowman.

"If I had to rank them, he'd probably be third in the pecking order," Crabtree said. "I'd have Cleveland as 1, [Bowman] 2, and then Chaney."

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6:30 & 9:20

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WALK THE LINE (PG-13)
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

ZATHURA (PG)
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take one of those two schools. "We're in a great situation right now," Hill said. "Basically, you have three preseason top-10s, and you have a perennial Nebraska. Any matchup in our mix, right now, has story lines." One option fans might like but won't get is a rematch with Iowa's in-state rival. Iowa State (7-4) — which beat Iowa, 23-3, on Sept. 10 in Ames — would be considered a candidate

for San Antonio, but bowls rarely select teams that played during the regular season.

"Never say never, but it's highly unlikely," said Jack Rogers, a member of the Alamo Bowl's selection committee who was at Kinnick Stadium this past weekend. "It's not a big enough TV state. I know the fans would like that, but it really is a TV problem, more than anything."

Hill said Iowa State and Colorado were removed from con-

sideration Monday after both teams lost in upsets last weekend. Northwestern was also cleared from the list, Hill said.

Instead, the Cyclones, who lost a shot at the Big 12 championship game last weekend, are likely headed to the Houston Bowl to face Texas Christian on Dec. 31.

The Hawkeyes, who jumped back into the national polls Sunday at No. 25, don't seem to have a preference. Just a month ago, after a pair of tough

losses to Michigan and Northwestern, any bowl bid seemed like a good one.

"I could care less," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "The one thing that I learned a long time ago is the better you do, you get what you deserve. I tell our players that, and we faced a tough circumstance a couple of weeks back, and what more could you ask for in the way our guys responded?"

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Top of BCS stays the same

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
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NEW YORK — Only twice in Bowl Championship Series history has a team been in position to reach the title game heading into the final weekend of the regular season and played its way out.

Southern California and Texas will try to avoid tripping up at the finish line Saturday, the way UCLA did in 1998 and Tennessee did in 2001.

As they have been all season, the Trojans and Longhorns were atop the BCS standings Monday. USC is first for the fifth time in six weeks. Texas, which was on top for one week, is second again.

The final BCS standings will be released Dec. 4, and the top

two teams will play in the Rose Bowl for a national title. USC and Texas are the only unbeaten teams left in Division I-A, but each faces one more test.

USC (11-0) will play UCLA (9-1) at the Coliseum on Saturday. Texas (11-0) will meet Colorado (7-4) in the Big 12 title game at Reliant Stadium in Houston. Both the Longhorns and Trojans are favored by at least three touchdowns, so only a major upset will prevent them for meeting in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 4.

Penn State is third, ahead of LSU and Virginia Tech, and the entire top 10 remained unchanged from last week. It's just the second time in the eight years of the BCS that has happened.

Hoops faces tough stretch

BASKETBALL

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"I can still feel it right now, but I just have to work through it, and, hopefully, these next few days, I can see where we're at," Horner said. "It's still pretty sore, but it'll be fine by Wednesday."

Brunner is fighting a knock he took on his knee Nov. 22, against No. 2 Texas, but he dismissed it as nothing more than "old age." The matchup with the Wolfpack will be Iowa's first foray

into the Big Ten/ACC Challenge since 2002, when Iowa lost at Florida State, 80-67. Alford's team hasn't hosted a game in the challenge since an 85-67 win over Georgia Tech in 2000, Iowa's only win in the event. With Iowa's game being the last in the event, it could decide who brings home this year's Commissioner's Cup.

The ACC has dominated, winning all six years the event has been held and owning a 34-

19 lead in the series. The event will go from nine games to 11 with the ACC's expansion, and there will be no neutral-site games, meaning every Big Ten team will be involved instead of nine in the previous six challenges — a rule that relegated Iowa to the role of spectator the last two seasons. And no games will be played at such sites as the United Center in Chicago, which Iowa did in 2001, when it played No. 1 Duke.

"I think you want to win your game, and then you're obviously cheering for the rest of the schools in the league, because it helps us," Alford said. "Whether you like it or not, the Big Ten has taken a hit nationally, with a lot of bad PR, for only one reason. It seems like they've taken a hit, because they haven't won the ACC Challenge."

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Men happy with progress

MEN'S X-COUNTRY

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said. "It was different, week in and week out."

Arguably the best meet of Iowa's season came at the Oct. 15 Pre-National meet.

Several of the Hawkeyes were ill in the week leading up to the race, but the pack came together for a fourth-place finish against three top-15 teams in their section.

The meets of the championship stretch saw Iowa slide to fourth at the Big Ten cham-

pionships but rebound to second at the Nov. 12 Midwest Regional meet at the Ashton Cross-Country Course.

"It was a highlight to host an NCAA regional for the first time in our history," Wiczorek said. "We had a lot of people out there to see the Hawkeyes at a high-level and show off the sport of cross-country."

The end of the season always is accompanied by the departure of the senior class. Seniors Adam Roche, Esche, Dan Haut, and Brian Rae were a part of

three NCAA teams. The 2003 season was the only exception, but the Hawkeyes were represented by the individual-qualifying Rae.

"I really credit them and [former Iowa runner] Tony Rakaric for really taking the program to a higher level," Wiczorek said.

However, to say the Hawkeyes' cupboard is bare would be a mistake. Four of Iowa's participants at the NCAA meet return — sophomore MacTaggart, junior Micah VanDenend, junior Jeff

Kent, and redshirt freshman Andy Napier. Freshmen Alex Webster and Blake Schlotzhauer also bring meet experience to the Iowa's 2006 squad.

"I think if we can find one or two guys to give us that instant impact, I don't see why we can't be at nationals again next year," Wiczorek said.

"That's something to aspire to, and I think we have that nucleus to build around."

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Women look to next year

WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY

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"It's tough to be perfect," Anderson said. "We were perfect one time this season, and that was at Pre-Nationals."

"You can't pick your day to be perfect; it picks you."

Another sophomore, Molly Esche, was picked that day. She set a personal record for the 6K, with a time of 22:27. At the same meet one year earlier, she recorded a time of 23:46.

"At the beginning of the season, I knew this team had a lot of talent," Esche said. "For awhile, it was really nerve-racking. I didn't know if I would have a chance, because we had such a great group."

She had the chance and made the most of it — scoring at every meet.

As with all teams, ups and

downs occurred.

The one blemish was a seventh-place standing in the Big Ten — a conference mark identical to that of 2004.

The skipper also oversaw a group cohesiveness that had been absent in the past.

"Up to this point, we hadn't been a united team," he said. "This year, we all got on the same page."

As far as Anderson is concerned, the improvement in chemistry was as important as any.

"It makes people run harder," said the 38-year-old. "They're not running for me; they're running for each other."

With energy-filled optimism behind the wheel, that bus is chugging on a one-way trip towards success.

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Ivy day in NFL — Rams' Fitzpatrick shines

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ST. LOUIS — Out of high school, the choice was easy for Ryan Fitzpatrick.

With only one college scholarship offer, and that from Division I-AA Eastern Washington, the St. Louis Rams' third-string quarterback chose to pay his way to Harvard. Now, he's got the education and a game to match.

"I think it would have made my decision a little bit tougher as far as passing up a scholarship from a bigger school or going to the Ivy League and paying my way," Fitzpatrick said. "I'm glad it worked out that way."

Injuries to Marc Bulger and Jamie Martin, who took a blow to the head in the first half of Sunday's game at Houston and still had blurred vision on Monday, thrust the unheralded rookie into the limelight. Fitzpatrick was ready for his moment, throwing for 310 yards, including the tying touchdown in the final 30 seconds and the winning touchdown in the Rams' improbable overtime victory over the Texans.

Pretty impressive for the 250th pick of this year's draft.

"Once I let that first ball go, everything was fine," Fitzpatrick said. "I was in a situation where, going in, you're not the starter, and you're just thrown into the situation, and you don't have much time to think about it."

He presided over a whirlwind in the final minute of Sunday's 33-27 victory. First, he hit Isaac Bruce for a 43-yard touchdown on fourth and six to cut the gap to three. After Jeff Wilkins' perfectly executed onside kick was recovered by Torry Holt, he hit Holt for a 19-yard gain to set up Wilkins' 47-yard field goal that forced overtime.

Then, he and Kevin Curtis hooked up on a quick screen that turned into the game-winning 56-yard score in overtime.

"He came in and acted like he's done it before," Curtis said. "He wasn't nervous. He just came in and played the game."

Interim coach Joe Vitt wasn't ready Monday to hand Fitzpatrick the start this week against the Redskins. Martin was seeing an eye specialist, which could make the decision easy.

"I'm not here to discuss that right now," Vitt said. "We'll wait and see."

Fitzpatrick was coach Mike Martz' sleeper pick after setting a career total offense record at Harvard and being named the Ivy League Player of the Year as a senior, prizing him for his arm and savvy. The Rams took him in the seventh round, and he quickly outshone second-year player Jeff Smoker for the third-string spot.

"Mike has made the statement that this is the only quarterback he's ever coached he's never got mad at," Vitt said. "He just does not make mistakes; he's got poise and presence, and the game is not too big for him."

"Fitz is a smart guy," Vitt added. "I think you need more than a valid fishing license to get into Harvard."

Even before his breakout game in Sunday's overtime victory over the Texans, players noticed the kid had presence.

"Watching him, he seems to have some poise," Holt said. "Coming from Harvard, we assume he's a smart kid."

Invariably, he leads wind sprints at the end of practice, and he's earnestly soaked up every detail about the Rams' offense, leaving no room to criticize the Ivy League brat.

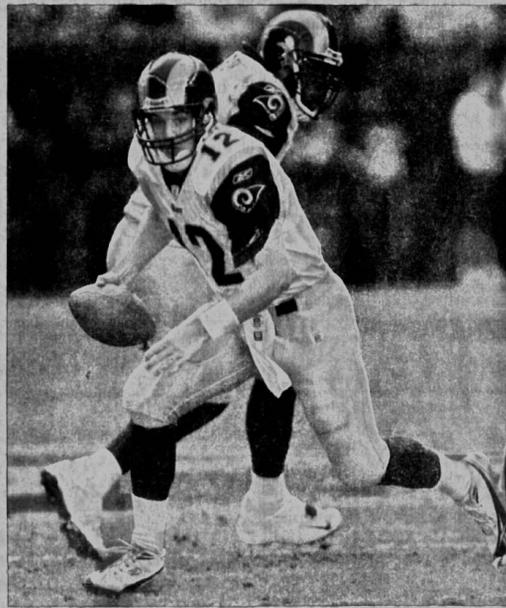
"I've been an effort guy, sort of the underdog guy, my whole life," Fitzpatrick said. "The thing that got me here is hard work, and there's no way I'm going to stop doing that now."

The Rams (5-6) remain a long shot to make it to the postseason and could give Fitzpatrick another shot this week against the Redskins to see what they have for the future. Fitzpatrick is confident he's no flash in the pan.

"I'm sure I'll always have some doubters out there," he said. "But I have always been convinced of this, and [this] was no shock to me."

The more his stock rises, the longer his economics degree might be shelved. Fitzpatrick's goal coming out of college was to become a financial adviser. He worked at a hedge fund after his sophomore year at Harvard.

"Anything managing other people's money would be nice," he said.



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DAILY BREAK

"I think you need more than a valid fishing license to get into Harvard."

— St. Louis Ram interim coach Joe Vitt on Ram third-string quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, a Harvard graduate, who threw for 310 yards, the tying touchdown in the final 30 seconds, and the winning touchdown in overtime on Sunday against the Houston Texans.

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JOHN CROTTY

REASONS OREGON TRAIL IS THE GREATEST COMPUTER GAME OF ALL TIME

- Only game in history that will pause to tell you, "BOOBS has died of cholera."
- Teaches kids critical decision making skills, such as, "Should I eat this wild fruit I found?"
- Gleefully omits the devastation rent upon indigenous people by westward expansion, yet lets you trade with "friendly Indians."
- Get to practice writing epitaphs for deceased friends.
- Excellent preparation, in case you're thrown back into the 1840s and assume the identity of a man about to buy provisions in Independence, Mo. Such a thing happened to me when I overdosed on Nyquil, back in '99.
- Teaches youth that fording rivers isn't all fun and games.
- No need for a road trip — you've seen Chimney Rock in all its two-bit monochrome glory.
- Oregon Trail, Math Munchers, and Carmen Sandiego. School districts could save millions of dollars by eliminating the entire first grade and just giving every kid these three games instead.
- Because, when you're 7, there's nothing funnier than putting the game on hyperspeed and watching the oxen haul ass. Or did I not have a rewarding childhood?
- From the back of the CD case: "All the excitement of Manifest Destiny — from the comfort of your own home!"

— Former Ledge writer Josh Bald would like readers to know he is alive and well. In fact, he says he's almost fully recovered from the massive hernia operation that forced his early retirement nearly two years ago.

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horoscopes Tuesday, November 29, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Whatever isn't paying you back or working for you must be stopped. You've been working too long and too hard. Your generosity has become a hindrance, so get back to doing what counts.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Bend over backward for an older friend or relative. Now isn't the best time to take on another responsibility but, by doing so, you will please someone who will make a difference in your future.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Try to settle down a little and focus on one thing. Multitasking is fine, but not today. Put your thoughts on paper. You can get your point across if you are precise.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You may have some minor disputes with older or younger people. Today is about love, getting along, and doing things that will bring you closer to someone you truly care about.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't let little things depress you. Everything is OK, even if you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel. Ignore the negative, and you will see some good possibilities to work toward.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You're in dreamland, so shake yourself before it's too late. Someone may try to take advantage of you when he or she doesn't think you'll notice. Keep a sharp eye while taking part in fun activities.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can make your professional position more interesting. A new way of doing things or a chance to try something different will bring you greater recognition. Include friends and family in your ideas.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Things are either moving way too fast or way too slow. Get used to it. Today will be a repeat of the past and an indicator of the future. Base your actions on your past experience.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Do something that will help your self-esteem. Spending time with someone you respect will change your attitude and give you some great ideas about things you should pursue.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let someone take advantage of you because of your interest in her or him. If you can keep things even, you stand a better chance of gaining respect and getting what you want.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Take your time, and do things by the book, or you may face ridicule for what you didn't do. Sudden changes will affect your future. Don't be discouraged — you need more time.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll be hard to resist no matter what you do. Everyone will be looking to you for answers. Don't let it go to your head. One slip-up, and you may get caught in the middle.

today's events

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- Career Services information session on UI Employment Expo, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center
- "Stalking Microbes," Richard Wenzel, noon, UI Hospitals and Clinics East Room
- Career Education Series, "Creating and Improving Your Résumé," 12:10 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center
- Faculty Senate Meeting, 3:30 p.m., IMU Terrace Room
- Communication Studies Department Seminar Series, "I Marshmallow You: Relational Codes in Interpersonal Ideology and Cultural Context," 4 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- Café Culture: Voices of Soul, Office of Residence Life, 5:30 p.m., Hillcrest Marketplace
- UI Student Government Student Assembly Meeting, 6:30 p.m., IMU Richey Ballroom
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Meredith Broussard and Lee Klein, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI
- "Drunken Stupor ... a Judge, a Prosecutor, the Police and You," 7 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- "West Bank 2005: A New Apartheid?," Dennis Bricker, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn
- Birthday Suits, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- Concert Night, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 12 S. Linn

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12:30 p.m. SCTV Mature Focus
1 Coffee Talk with David Gould
1:30 Making a Difference: Iowa Dept. for the Blind
2 St. Mary's Liturgy
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- 6 Tom's Guitar Show Live
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7:30 The Sports Stop: Early Edition
8 The Generic Sports Show Live
9 Medium
9:30 Songy Challenge
10 Iowa City Microcinema Presents
10:30 RBO TV
11 Christian Orthodox Church in

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- 3 p.m. The Struggle for Peace and Justice in Latin America
4:30 Celebration Party for the Moon Festival and the Chinese National Festival
6:30 The Best of "Know the Score"
7 "Do You Hear What I Hear: Music Perception Through a Bionic Ear," Kate Gfeller
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10:30 DITV News, *The Daily Iowan* Daily News Update
11 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 6, An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature

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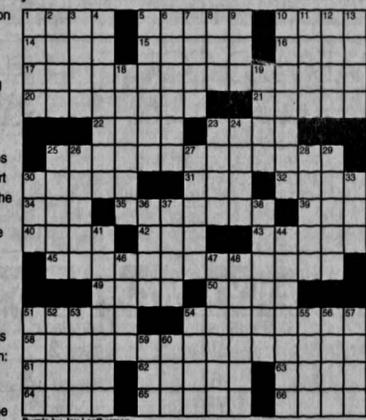
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 - 5 Mex. misses
 - 10 Tom, Dick or Harry
 - 14 1998 N.L. M.V.P. from Chicago
 - 15 Sports hiree
 - 16 Sen. Bayh of Indiana
 - 17 See 35-Across
 - 20 Ladies of Lisbon
 - 21 Crowbar, e.g.
 - 22 "I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo"
 - 23 Soccer ___
 - 25 See 35-Across
 - 30 Geniuses' group
 - 31 12/24 or 12/31
 - 32 Golfer Ballesteros
 - 34 Samuel's teacher
 - 35 This puzzle's theme, succinctly
 - 39 Gen- (boomer's kid)
 - 40 Shakespeare's stream
 - 42 Hood's gun
 - 43 Rhone tributary
 - 45 See 35-Across
 - 49 Cold war inits.
 - 50 ___ No Mountain High Enough" (1970 #1 hit)
 - 51 Underground Railroad user
 - 54 Least drunk
 - 58 See 35-Across
 - 61 Follower of inter or et
 - 62 "Marat/Sade" playwright
 - 63 Statement to a judge
 - 64 Chicken cordon ___
 - 65 Cosmetician Lauder
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- 1 A.B.A. members' titles
- 2 Lecherous sort
- 3 "Beauty ___ the eye ..."
- 4 Famous name in hot dogs
- 5 Japanese beetle, e.g.
- 6 Isle ___ National Park
- 7 Small amounts
- 8 90° from down: Abbr.
- 9 Any ship
- 10 Unbeatable foe
- 11 Tel ___ Israel
- 12 Luxuriant looks
- 13 M.I.T. grad., often
- 18 Bowser's identification
- 19 Diva Gluck
- 23 "Outta my way!"
- 24 Prime S.S.S. classification
- 25 Probe, with "into"
- 26 Bagel choice
- 27 Major mattress maker
- 28 Nettled
- 29 Each's companion
- 30 ___ culpa
- 33 Bard's before
- 36 Soufflé needs
- 37 Asian goat
- 38 Holder of claimed property
- 41 ___ riche
- 44 Persian governors
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- 47 Supposed founder of Taoism
- 48 Nucleic acid sugar
- 51 Strike defier
- 52 Vegetable
- 53 Gallic girlfriend
- 54 Fit of pique
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