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A SANTA FOR ALL SEASONS

Ever since Charles Weatherwax's hair and beard went white when he was in his 30s, Kris Kringle has been a part of him year round

BY KATHERINE BISANZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

Think Santa Claus only emerges from the depths of the North Pole during the Christmas season?

For one Santa impersonator, the holiday spirit seems to follow him all year round.

Charles Weatherwax of Pocahontas, Iowa, said stepping out of his big red suit at night does not mean stepping out of his role as St. Nick.

Weatherwax, who has played Santa for the past 30 years, said it is not only on Christmas that children gawk at him and ask if he is Mr. Claus.

Ever since his hair and long beard began to turn snow white in his 30s, passersby have noticed his uncanny resemblance to Kris Kringle — no matter the season.

Weatherwax said he usually answers yes to the Santa queries, because Santa is indeed a part of him throughout the year.

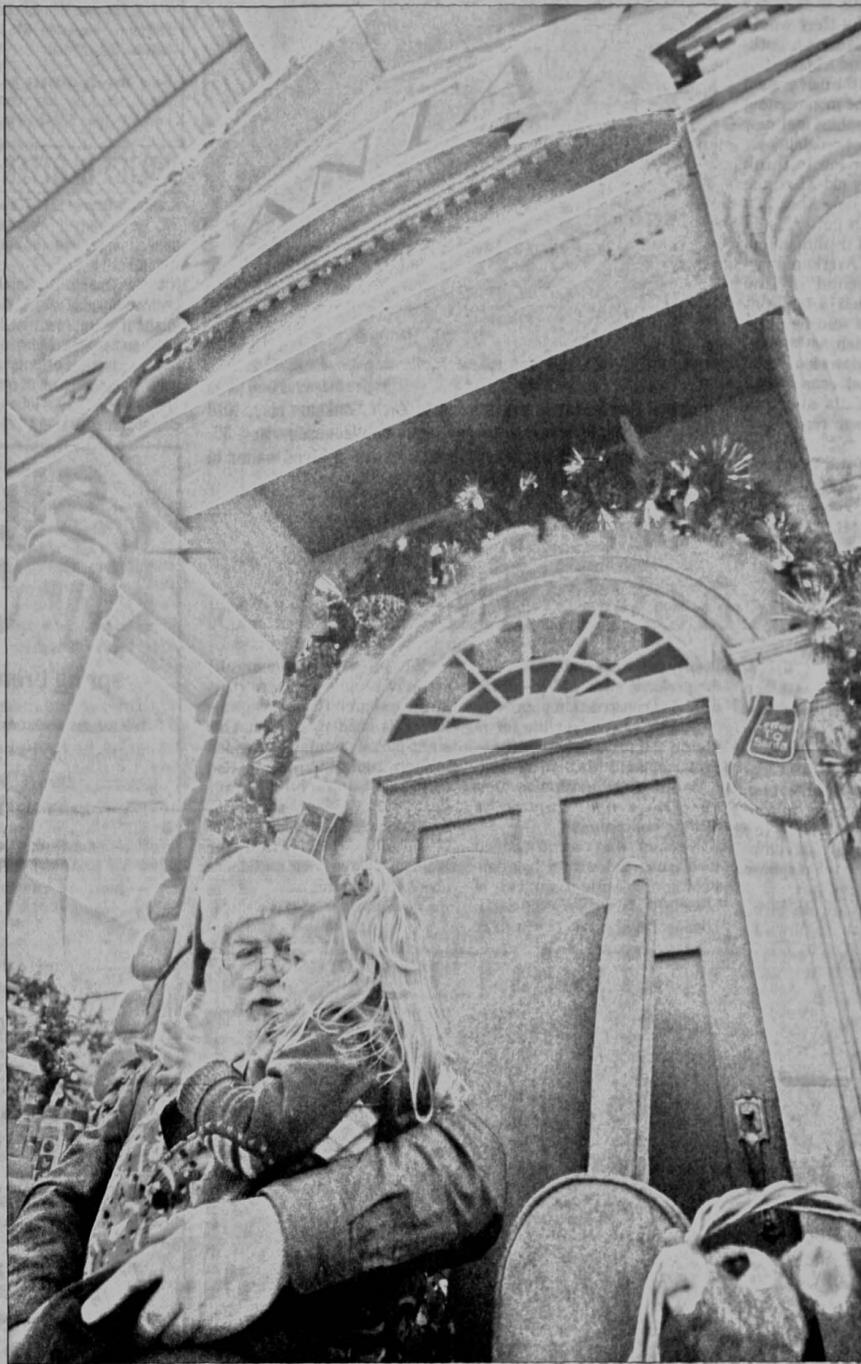
"I'm still Santa when kids come up to me and ask if I'm him," he said. "They want to know why I'm in the store or camping, and I tell them, 'It's the only way Santa can check on you.'"

Weatherwax fell into the Santa business pretty much by accident.

One Christmas roughly 30 years ago, the hometown Santa was a no-show. That same year, Weatherwax had been laid off from his job, so he offered to dress as the fat, jolly man for the children in Pocahontas.

Since then, Weatherwax, who retired from his job in a hydraulic cylinder factory two years ago, has been all-the-more jolly with more spare time on his hands.

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Charles Weatherwax (who is also known as Santa Claus) asks Lydia Roudabush, 2, of Grinnell, Iowa, what she wants for Christmas at the Coral Ridge Mall on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005. Weatherwax, who has been portraying Santa for 30 years, has been the Coral Ridge Santa for three years.



Check out DITV and DailyIowan.com for a live interview with Santa.

Seeking young voices

BY REBECCA MCKANNA
THE DAILY IOWAN

Many UI students will be eligible to apply for a new commission created by the Iowa City City Council to aid communication between adults and youth in the community.

The newly formed Youth Advisory Commission has four slots open for young people 15 to 17 and three spots open for those 18 to 21. The selected members would work together with a liaison from the City Council to make decisions on issues pertinent to their peers.

Although applications for the positions are not due until Jan. 4, City Clerk Marian Karr said two applications have been filed for the 15 to 17 group, and she has received a half a dozen phone calls requesting more information about the positions.

On Jan. 3, councilors will designate liaisons to the various city boards and commissions, Karr said. The council will choose an intermediary to the Youth Advisory

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YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

How to apply:

- Download the Youth Advisory Commission application by going to the icgov.org website or picking it up at the city clerk's office
- Applications can either be mailed or dropped off at City Hall. They must be received by 5 p.m. Jan. 4.

Leonard stresses farming

"We do have people all of a sudden really addressing the fact that we can use more ethanol in this state."

Iowa can be the global energy capital of the world."



Leonard candidate for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

BY COLIN BURKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

In this state, five groups of people are affected by agriculture, says Mark Leonard. Those who eat food, drink water, breathe air, pump gas, and pay taxes.

"The fact is that agriculture is the business of Iowa, and it's everybody's business," Leonard, a Republican candidate for state secretary of Agriculture, said Wednesday.

While underscoring agriculture's effect on the state economy, the 49-year-old discussed renewable energy alternatives and the effects of agricultural legislation on Iowans during a meeting with the newly formed Hawkeyes for Leonard group, which has 15 to 18 members.

In a race that already features two

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Bush points to Iraq progress

BY TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush came as close as he ever has to admitting mistakes on Iraq Wednesday, acknowledging setbacks and uneven results in the training of Iraqi troops in his latest defense of the war, 2½ years after he first declared victory.

And while he vowed U.S. troops would not be with-

drawn to satisfy "artificial timetables set by politicians in Washington," his Naval Academy speech in Annapolis, Md., could help set the stage for a reduction in troops next year.

That's because Bush emphasized progress, if initially halting, in the training of Iraqi troops who will one day replace U.S. forces. Any U.S. reduction, the president

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A protester stands with a sign as one of the presidential helicopters arrives Wednesday in Baltimore. President Bush arrived in Baltimore to attend a fundraiser for Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, a Republican candidate for Senate.



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HAWKS HOOP IT UP

The women's and the men's basketball teams play an unusual Carver double-header, and both sets of Hawks flew. **1B**



RATED X

For some locals, sitting on hard concrete for 15 hours was a small price to pay for the new Xbox. **2A**

OUT OF THE TOWER & INTO THE STREETS

As a part of the UI Year of Engagement, some classes are combining academic work with hands-on experience **3A**

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NEWS

New Xbox marks the spot

BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Most people probably wouldn't wait 15 hours on the hard concrete in front of Best Buy to pay \$620 for an Xbox 360.

But most people can't claim they were the first person in Iowa City to speed past the first racer in Need for Speed: Most Wanted — a new game for the system.

For Zack Averkamp, a Kirkwood freshman, it was worth it — having already logged three hours on the console while the rest of the Iowa City gamers were in their beds sleeping.

"He'll skip class just to play," said Eric Nieland, a UI freshman and friend who also waited in the 40-person line to buy the new system.

Averkamp said he has already spent 30 hours beating nine of the 15 racers in Need for Speed: Most Wanted — destroying three levels of Perfect Dark, conquering two levels of Condemned, and establishing a franchise in NBA 2K6 in the nine days he has owned the system.

"I'm not addicted," he said. "Not yet — at least."

Although he has been a video gamer for a long time, this is the first time he has ever waited in line to be the first to get a new system, he said. As it turns out, his first time offered more than just a few surprises.

When Averkamp and his two friends got in line for the midnight purchase, they thought they were going to spend

around \$520 for the Xbox 360, a game, and an extra controller.

They thought they would just hurry back to begin gaming.

But at 7 p.m., a Best Buy employee announced that to be the first to own the system, they would have to buy an additional controller, two games, and something else from the store.

"Basically, they did it just because they could," Averkamp said.

Although the trio of gamers had to spend more than they originally planned, stepping out of line would have been as taboo as a wizard speaking Lord Voldemort's name in the Harry Potter book series.

Officials at Best Buy did not respond to calls Wednesday afternoon on why they would only sell the system as a package with other products.

Averkamp said the new system was well-worth the money, citing the improved graphics and new interactive Internet capabilities.

"It is hard for me to think about playing my old Xbox; the graphics on the new Xbox 360 are just so much better," said Adam Beck, a UI freshman and another friend of Averkamp.

Beck was second in line behind Nieland and just in front of Averkamp. He said he plays the game as much as he can, between class and work.

But his longest consecutive playing time falls short of Averkamp's six-hour record by a good two hours.

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Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

Kirkwood Community College freshman Zach Averkamp plays NBA 2K6 on his new Xbox 360 in his apartment on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Averkamp bought his game system after he and a friend waited in line for a collective 15 hours on Nov. 22.

WAL-MART AGREEMENT

Board didn't know sale terms

BY MEGHAN V. MALLOY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Depositions taken from members of the Iowa City Board of Adjustment revealed that they did not know the terms of a purchase agreement that transferred land to build a new Wal-Mart Supercenter, the Stop Wal-Mart organization said on Wednesday.

Local activist Gary Sanders and his lawyer, Wally Taylor, continued their legal battle against the city after taking similar depositions from the Iowa City city councilors on Nov. 17.

"After we took the depositions from the board, we noticed there were a couple of things that stuck out," said Taylor, a Cedar Rapids-based attorney.

One was that none of the five members knew the specific terms of the March purchase agreement.

Among the most important stipulations in the agreement were a request to build a gas station and drive-through pharmacy on the 54-acre lot and a restriction banning other businesses that could compete with the corporation near Wal-Mart's newly acquired property.

Board of Adjustment members did not know what the land restrictions included — although they were the ones who gave Wal-Mart permission to build the gas station and pharmacy, according to the depositions.

"The Board of Adjustment made a decision without certain knowledge," Taylor said. "Its scope of authority was too narrow."

Sanders, in a lawsuit, has accused the board of illegally allowing public land to be rezoned

and used to build the drive-through pharmacy and gas station for Wal-Mart. Sanders said last summer that the land belonged to the people of Iowa City.

The Board of Adjustment contended it did nothing wrong, because the construction of Wal-Mart "would not impede the normal and orderly development," according to the response filed in 6th District Court.

Board members are also given permission by the bylaws to

legally grant special permission for projects, such as Wal-Mart's intended construction plan.

"All we're responsible for is giving the permission for these projects," said Michael Wright, a Board of Adjustment member. Other board members declined to comment.

Sanders, who recently added more steam to his cause by establishing a steering committee of other local activists, expressed confidence about his Feb. 14 trial date.

"We have a heavyweight group of people who have roots in the community," the longtime Iowa City resident said about his eight-person committee, which includes county Supervisor Rod Sullivan, Johnson County Democrats Chairwoman Sarah Swisher, and Jean Martin of the National Organization for Women. "I have great confidence about winning this case."

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IN THE BOOKS



Rachel Mumme/The Daily Iowan

UI graduate Jenni Renshaw and UI senior Ryan Dennis stay busy studying for exams at the House of Aromas on Wednesday. Renshaw has an exam for an EMT certificate, and Dennis has a business final next week.

METRO

UI prof aids in Mars research

A UI space physicist's findings may reveal some mysteries of Mars.

Along with UI colleagues, Professor Donald Gurnett has reported that an instrument aboard the European Space Agency's Mars Express spacecraft will help scientists discover what happened to the water that carved out the planet's enormous canyon system, according to a UI news release.



Gurnett
UI professor

It was previously believed the water may have evaporated long ago, but NASA's Mars Odyssey found it exists as

permafrost below the planet's surface, while photographs from the agency's Mars Global Surveyor show the liquid appearing from canyons and crater walls.

As part of a joint effort among NASA, the Italian Space Agency, the University of Rome, and Gurnett, the instrument, the Mars Advanced Radar for Subsurface and Ionospheric Sounding, bounced radar signals off the planet's ionosphere, part of the upper atmosphere, and found hidden craters and thick ice layers below the planet's surface.

Gurnett's findings will be presented today in the online version of the journal *Science*. Among the many other projects the space physicist has contributed to are the Galileo mission to Jupiter and the Cassini mission to Saturn.

— by Colin Burke

Jetseta's brother will not testify

The younger brother of Jetseta Gage will not be called as a witness at Roger Bentley's trial in January, the Johnson County county attorney said in a response filed on Nov. 30.

Defense lawyers for Bentley, who is accused of sexually abusing and suffocating 10-year-old Jetseta in March, filed a motion in October to determine the competency of the child. The lawyers asserted that the child's age prevented him from exhibiting the mental capacity and moral responsibility to tell the truth.

According to Wednesday's response, the state scheduled a pre-trial deposition on Oct. 10 at the Johnson County Courthouse, but the minor child was "emotionally unable" to swear an oath or respond to counsel's questions, County

Attorney J. Patrick White wrote.

In an Oct. 12 letter to the defense, the state agreed the child could not be used as a witness and that it did not have any plans to attempt to depose the minor again.

Bentley is charged with first-degree murder and first-degree kidnapping. On March 24, he allegedly abducted Jetseta from her family home and took her to an abandoned trailer in Johnson County, where he was apprehended wearing bloody clothes the following day, according to police records.

Authorities discovered Jetseta's body in a cabinet with her feet bound and a plastic bag around her head. She had been sexually abused and suffocated, investigators concluded.

Bentley, a convicted sex offender, faces two life sentences in prison if convicted of the charges.

— by Laura Thompson

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POLICE BLOTTER

Kathleen Brown, 21, 735 Dearborn St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Nicholas Dennis, 27, Coralville, was charged Monday with OWI.

Michael Dobrow, 18, 2222 Quadrangle, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.
Timothy Hunt, 36, Moline, Ill., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Yosiya Ngweshe, 36, 1637 Aber Ave. Apt. 4, was charged Nov. 26 with two counts of fifth-degree theft.

Andrew Prignitz, 20, Manhattan, Kan., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Kelly Schultz, 24, 1000 Oakcrest St. Apt. 108, was charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct.

Timoth Tourres, 20, North English, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with driving while under suspension.

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GOP wants death-penalty legislation

'I think we need to do all the things we all agree on to make Iowa safer. The death penalty will not be one of them.'

— Sen. Keith Kreiman, D-Bloomfield.

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — A bill to reinstate the death penalty in Iowa will be introduced on the first day of the upcoming legislative session, Republicans said Wednesday.

"We're going to be up front with this," said Sen. Larry McKibben, R-Marshaltown. "The bill will be filed the first day of the session."

The death-penalty debate will come as lawmakers consider toughening the state's sex-abuse laws, but Democrats said they would block debate on the death penalty.

"I think we need to do all the things we all agree on to make Iowa safer," said Sen. Keith Kreiman, D-Bloomfield. "The death penalty will not be one of them."

Kreiman and McKibben co-chair a legislative task force studying the state's sex abuse laws, which are expected to be a focus of the upcoming session. The task force met Wednesday to complete its recommendations for the next session.

The task force agreed to push for "safe zones" around schools, playgrounds, and other places children gather to keep convicted sex offenders from loitering around those areas. Such zone would fill a loophole in the state's law that prohibits sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or daycare, Kreiman said.

Debate over the state's sex-abuse laws arose last year following the kidnapping and slaying of 10-year-old Jetseta Gage of Cedar Rapids. Republicans tried to attach the death penalty to a package of bills that toughened sex-abuse

laws, but Democrats blocked debate in the Senate, which is tied at 25-25.

Senate President Jeff Lambert of Ankeny said Iowans want the death penalty debated.

"I don't believe it's appropriate for them to block it," he said.

Senate Democratic Leader Michael Gronstal of Council Bluffs said he would again block debate on the issue.

With the Senate dead even, both parties must agree before an issue can be raised, and Gronstal said the death penalty won't be among those issues.

He said it would be a waste of time to debate the death penalty, because there are not enough votes in the House or Senate to approve the measure, and Gov. Tom Vilsack would veto it.

"I don't see a point in us debating it," Gronstal said.

He said Iowa's sentence of life without parole is already a death sentence.

"People go to prison until they die," he said. "We will not be debating this on my watch."

McKibben said his proposed death penalty would be limited only to those who kidnap, sexually assault, and kill a child.

"This is a death penalty for the worst of the worst," McKibben said.

The main hurdle for the bill is the deadlocked Senate. The House approved a limited return of the death sentence in the last session, before it was blocked by Senate Democrats.

House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, said he would make sure the measure is debated if it is passed by the Senate.

"If they send it to us, we'll debate it," Rants said. "I'll have to set aside three days, and I'm prepared to do that."

UI FACULTY

Escaping from the ivory tower

The 2005 Year of Engagement began with a five-day program for 15 UI faculty members at the Service Learning Faculty Institute

'It's been extraordinarily successful.'

— Pam Trimpe,
administrative head of UI Museum of Natural History
and of the Old Capitol

'I think service learning has so many demonstrated uses. I want to see its adoption throughout the UI.'

— Tom Rocklin,
UI associate provost

BY MARGARET POE
THE DAILY IOWAN

One semester into a new university-wide initiative to



Trimpe

infuse course work with community involvement, UI faculty and students are singing the praises of the escape from the ivory towers of academia.

Jump-starting the 2005 Year of Engagement, a Service Learning Faculty Institute in May empowered 15 faculty members with the skills and resources to incorporate service elements into their classrooms. The five-day program inspired some of the

courses offered this semester.

"It's been extraordinarily successful," said Pam Trimpe, who required her Introduction to Museums students to gain 20 hours of on-site museum experience.

Trimpe, the administrative head of the Old Capitol and UI Museum of Natural History, said students have become more active learners through their involvement at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art and the Iowa Children's Museum in Coralville.

UI senior Barbara Buttitta worked with the Grant Wood exhibition in Cedar Rapids. She said it was an "awesome" experience, bolstering her résumé and even garnering her an internship for the spring semester.

Service learning is not new to the UI, said Jean Florman, an associate director of the Center

for Teaching, which planned the institute. Many professors previously included service elements into their course work before, she said, but now the institute helps faculty develop these opportunities.

The community involvement is closely tied to course content, she stressed.

"Academic rigor is not sacrificed at all," she said, calling the service element another type of textbook for students.

UI Associate Provost Tom Rocklin helped organize the original institute. He said the success of the courses has exceeded his

expectations, and another session is planned for May 2006.

"I think service learning has so many demonstrated uses," he said. "I want to see its adoption throughout the UI."

UI Professor Rex Honey involved his geography of justice students in work throughout the area — including a food pantry and a gun violence protection program — and said the experience has engaged students more than ever.

Trimpe said she has already begun to plan the service learning element of her museums class next year — confident in the value of this approach.

"It crosses the bridge between the classroom and real experiences," she said.

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STATE

7 new claims of sex abuse alleged against ex-bishop

IOWA CITY (AP) — Seven men who claim they were sexually assaulted by a priest who later became the bishop in Sioux City say they want to settle their cases through mediation rather than the courts.

The seven cases, each naming former Sioux City Bishop Lawrence Soens, were turned over to attorneys for the Davenport Diocese and Soens last week, said Craig Leven, the attorney representing the alleged victims.

They are the latest allegations

against Soens, who is already defending himself in state court against lawsuits filed by two other victims. Each accuses Soens of molesting them when they were students as Soens was priest and principal at Regina High School, a Catholic school in Iowa City, during the mid-1960s.

The seven new cases are similar with each victim claiming they were abused as students at Regina, with each alleging they were summoned to the principal's office by Soens under the pretense of being disciplined for bad behavior, Leven said.

"As a first step, they are willing to attempt mediation to see if the Davenport Diocese ... is willing to

do the right thing," Leven said.

In a short statement, the diocese acknowledged receiving the cases but said church officials and attorneys have not yet had time to investigate the allegations. Church officials said a review of the allegations could take months before deciding how to proceed.

"The cases have to be examined in order to find out which way we want to go," said Deacon David Montgomery, diocese spokesman. "Mediation is always preferred to civil action."

Soens has denied the allegations contained in the lawsuits. His attorney, Timothy Bottaro, said he has not had time to discuss the new claims with Soens and declined any

additional comment on Wednesday.

The Davenport Diocese has already settled one sexual abuse claim involving Soens. In a report issued earlier this year, the diocese said it had paid \$20,000 in October 2003 to settle one of three claims made against Soens at that time.

Those cases marked the first time that a bishop in Iowa had been named as part of a sexual abuse scandal that has strained the eastern Iowa diocese over the last three years.

Soens served as Regina High School's first principal and priest from 1959 to 1967. In 1983, he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as bishop in Sioux City and continues to live there.

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NEWS

French doctors transplant face

'For pushing the bounds of science, they are to be applauded, as long as they have got full informed consent from the patient and the donor's family.'

— Dr. Iain Hutchison,

chief executive of Facial Surgery Research Foundation

BY CAROLE BIANCHI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LYON, France — Doctors in France said they had performed the world's first partial face transplant, forging into a risky medical frontier with their operation on a woman disfigured by a dog bite.

The 38-year-old woman, who wants to remain anonymous, had a nose, lips, and chin grafted onto her face from a brain-dead donor whose family gave consent. The operation, performed Sunday, included a surgeon already famous for transplant breakthroughs, Dr. Jean-Michel Dubernard.

"The patient's general condition is excellent, and the transplant looks normal," said a statement issued Wednesday from the hospital in the northern city of Amiens, where the operation took place. Dubernard would not discuss the surgery but confirmed that it involved the nose, lips, and chin.

"We still don't know when the patient will get out," he said. A news conference is planned for Friday.

Scientists in China have performed scalp and ear transplants, but experts say the mouth and nose are the most difficult parts of the face to transplant. In 2000, Dubernard did the world's first double forearm transplant.

The surgery drew both praise and sobering warnings over its potential risks and ethical and psychological ramifications. If successful — something that may not be known for months or even years — the procedure offers hope to people horribly disfigured by burns, accidents, or other tragedies.

The woman was "severely disfigured" by a dog bite in May that made it difficult for her to speak and chew, according to a joint statement from the hospital in Amiens and another in the southern city of Lyon, where Dubernard works.

Such injuries are "extremely difficult, if not impossible" to repair using normal surgical techniques, the statement said.

"For pushing the bounds of science, they are to be applauded, as long as they have got full informed consent from the patient and the donor's family," added Dr. Iain Hutchison, the chief executive of the London-based Facial Surgery Research Foundation.

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Court grapples with abortion

BY GINA HOLLAND
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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court wrestled Wednesday with a New Hampshire law that requires a parent to be told before a daughter ends her pregnancy, with no hint the justices were ready for a dramatic retreat on abortion rights under their new chief.

The court is dealing with its first abortion case in five years, as well as the first in the brief tenure of Chief Justice John Roberts.

The case does not challenge

the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling that declared abortion a fundamental constitutional right, and the justices seemed to be seeking a compromise that would avoid breaking new ground.

Several said the law was flawed because it requires that a parent be informed 48 hours before a minor child has an abortion but makes no exception for a medical emergency that threatens the youth's health.

At the same time, the court appeared unhappy with lower-court decisions that blocked the law from being enforced at all.

"This case doesn't involve an emergency situation," Roberts said.

The stakes are significant, because the ruling could signal where the high court is headed under Roberts and after the retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Abortion was a prominent subject in Roberts' confirmation hearings and has emerged as a major issue in President Bush's nomination of appeals court Judge Samuel Alito to replace O'Connor, who has been the swing vote in support of abortion rights.

Protesters demonstrated outside — singing, chanting, and praying — and the argument inside the court was at times contentious, too, with justices talking over each other and over the lawyers.

New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte struggled to field sharp questions on why state lawmakers had made an exception to allow abortions when a young mother's life — but not her health — was in danger. The court has held that abortion restrictions should include a health exception.

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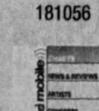
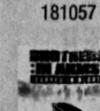
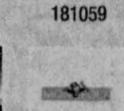
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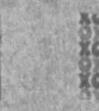
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NEWS

Peres quits Labor, joins Sharon

BY RAVI NESSMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Bitter over his ouster as Labor Party chief, Shimon Peres quit his political home of six decades Wednesday to campaign for Ariel Sharon's new party, saying the prime minister is the best choice to lead Israel to peace with the Palestinians.

Peres' defection was an important coup for Sharon in the scramble by the major parties to recruit high-profile supporters during a political realignment the past three weeks, as the country prepares for parliamentary elections in March.

Many Israelis respect Peres, an 82-year-old former prime minister, as an elder statesman and peacemaker, but they remain wary of his dovish politics.

His resignation from Labor could contribute to the view that he is a political opportunist. Peres also brings with him a reputation as a perennial loser at the polls who led Labor to five electoral defeats and lost a race this month to lead the party into a sixth election.

"This has not been an easy decision for me, but I found myself faced with the contradiction between the party of which I am a member and the requirements of the political situation," Peres said. "Without ignoring the deep connection that I have to the party's historical path and its members, I must prefer the more urgent and greater consideration ... My party activity has come to an end."

Under a reported deal worked out with the prime minister, Peres will support Kadima, the centrist party Sharon formed last week after leaving the hard-line Likud, but he will not officially join the party, and he will not run for a seat in Parliament, where he has served since 1959.

In return, Sharon — if re-elected — will give Peres a senior post in his next government, possibly putting him in charge of peace talks with the Palestinians



Kevin Frayer/Associated Press

Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres speaks during a news conference at his office in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Wednesday. The elder statesman announced that he is leaving the Labor Party after six decades to throw his support behind Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's new centrist party in the March 28 elections.

and neighboring Arab states.

His voice shaking with emotion, Peres said the decision to leave Labor was not easy, but he believed Sharon was best suited to pursue a peace deal with the Palestinians.

"I am convinced that he is determined, as I am, to continue with the peace process and restart it immediately after the elections," he said. "I decided, therefore, to support his election and cooperate with him to realize these goals."

Peres' critics said he was more concerned with remaining at the center of Israeli politics than with ending the Mideast conflict.

"You can present everything as a principle ... The peace process is important, but more important is: Where do I stand with the peace process? Is peace being done without me?" said Shlomo Ben-Ami, a former Labor Foreign minister.

Despite their differences, Peres and Sharon forged a

friendship over the decades that they turned into a political partnership as Sharon fought attempts by Likud hard-liners to torpedo his Gaza withdrawal plan. Sharon has said Israel would have to leave parts of the West Bank — while maintaining major settlement blocs — in any final peace deal with the Palestinians.

Yossi Beilin, a former Peres ally who now leads the dovish Yahad Party, said Sharon has never given Peres much authority in past alliances, and he doubted Sharon was interested in pursuing a real peace deal with the Palestinians.

"In my view, joining Sharon for the peace camp, for anybody from the peace camp, is a big, big, big mistake," he said.

Peres has been a major figure in Israel since the country's creation in 1948, when he was a young aide to founding Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. He

helped create the framework for the Israeli army, developed Israel's nuclear capacity in the 1950s, and was a key player in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process in the 1990s.

"He's been in politics ever since Truman threw the bomb on Hiroshima," Ben-Ami told the Associated Press.

Peres is feted abroad as a statesman and shared the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

But at home, he is renowned for his multiple electoral defeats. He served three brief stints as prime minister, twice replacing Rabin and once as part of a rotation agreement with a hard-line rival after a deadlocked election.

He also lost a parliamentary vote for the country's ceremonial presidency, an office that would have given him a dignified exit from politics.

Koizumi: Beef up military

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said on Wednesday that Japan's pacifist Constitution should be changed so the country can legally maintain an armed military force and beef up its national security.

Koizumi's comments were in support of proposed changes introduced by his ruling party last week.

"Can we defend our country with an organization that has no war capability? It is impossible by common sense," he said in a speech to fellow members of the Liberal Democratic Party.

The party has proposed a constitutional change that would create an official role for the Japanese military to assist

"Can we defend our country with an organization that has no war capability? It is impossible by common sense."

— Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan

military allies and help with armed international peacekeeping. That concerns its Asian neighbors, who are wary of a revival of Japanese militarism.

Japan's current Constitution — drafted by U.S. occupation forces after World War II and unchanged since 1947 — bars the country from using military force in international disputes and prohibits it from having a military for warfare.

But Japan has interpreted the non-war clause in Article 9 of the Constitution to mean it can maintain a 240,000-strong Self-Defense Force.

In 1992, the government presented a further interpretation that enabled the dispatch of troops to participate in international peacekeeping operations in noncombat roles.

Japan currently has about 600 non-combat troops in the southern Iraqi city of Samawah to purify water and rebuild schools. The mission, Japan's largest overseas deployment since World War II, expires Dec. 14.

The government has not decided whether to renew it.

Opposition lawmakers and pacifist activists say the govern-

ment has stretched its interpretation of the charter too far, and the Japanese defense forces' capabilities and roles have gone beyond what is written in it.

"For many years, I've thought that the Article 9 should be revised to an expression that is easier to understand," Koizumi said.

The proposed constitutional revision keeps the clause renouncing war but clearly states that Japan may keep a military force for self-defense and for participating in international peacekeeping.

The change is part of a general push by Koizumi's government to boost Japan's military role and international profile. The Liberal Party has long campaigned to replace the U.S.-drafted Constitution with Japan's own.

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EDITORIAL

The best sentence money can buy

Can money really pay for everything? This certainly appears to be the case in Florida, where two men who were convicted of felonies for causing the deaths of their passengers in alcohol-related car crashes were given reduced sentences last week because they offered to pay money to the victims' families.

Under Florida state law, if the victim's family agrees with the lesser term in exchange for such restitution, judges are free to deviate from recommended punishment guidelines, and they typically do. One of the offenders sentenced last week agreed to pay \$50,000; he will serve 8½ years in prison. The other promised \$900 per month over 15 years in addition to two years in prison, the *St. Petersburg Times* reported Nov. 26.

This system works quite well for those able to afford substantial compensation, but what about other defendants who cannot afford restitution? It would seem that their poverty leaves them simply out of luck.

In other, similar Florida cases involving traffic deaths, defendants who are unable to afford restitution to the victims' families, or in cases where the families simply refuse, can face decades in prison — including defendants without prior criminal records. As for the men given lighter prison terms, each have prior records, including theft and numerous traffic violations.

While the wishes of the victims' families should be taken into account and the proper reparations made, there are other facts to consider. Not only must offenders pay their debt to their victims, they must also do so to society. Just because people have the money to pay off the family doesn't mean

they should be excused from imprisonment. Any restitution should be combined with a jail sentence appropriate to the crime, and in cases in which the crime results in death, a reduced sentence should not even be an option.

Restitution should not ignore defendants' ability to pay, especially if the seriousness of the sentence is at issue. A system used by the Iowa Department of Corrections, where a percentage of inmates' earnings are diverted to victims' aid, is a far better approach to the matter. The financial suffering of victims should not be ignored, but to further punish those unable to pay, while wealthy criminals essentially buy lighter sentences, is wrong. This essentially reduces our legal system to the pardon days of the past, when buying forgiveness was the norm.

This debate brings to light how social factors — ethnicity, class, wealth, status — factor into sentencing decisions and whether they should or not. In the eyes of the law, all citizens are equal, but this becomes impossible when a person's financial status is a factor.

If an offender receives a lighter sentence after offering to pay a victim's family, the offender is not realizing the full consequences of her or his actions. In turn, the most important purpose of the law — deterring future crimes — may be damaged, and the offender left more likely to repeat the offense: If money solved the problem before, why not rely on it again?

The different facts and different circumstances of each case must always be taken into account when sentences are handed out, but the offender's wealth should never be the deciding factor.



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Strategies and plans

President Bush has unveiled his "National Strategy For Victory In Iraq." I am tempted to ask, shouldn't he have had a strategy for victory before he started his war? He's almost three years late. But he did have a Plan A, it just

didn't work out so well. Remember Plan A? It was something about 30,000 troops, throwing flowers, being greeted as liberators, and being carried through the streets to George W. Bush Square.

Now comes his "National Strategy For Victory In Iraq." It has an impressive title,

but I'm afraid it's just for public relations and damage control. It looks like another PR stunt for the TV cameras, like "Mission Accomplished." These things never live up to their impressive titles. This administration relies on a constant parade of PR stunts and lies to hide the fact that, behind the facade, a bunch of incompetents are

running the show.

I'm afraid this is Bush's real "Plan For Victory": Distract and mislead the American public long enough to get Republicans re-elected next November.

Alan L. Light
Iowa City resident

COMMENTARY

A slick of lies in northern China

On Nov. 13, a huge explosion rocked a petrochemical plant in Jilin, China, northeast of Beijing, killing five workers and releasing about 100 tons of highly toxic chemicals into the nearby Songhua River. A dangerous 50-mile-long slick began floating downriver toward major population centers, including Harbin — a metropolitan area of 8 million — and the Russian city of Khabarovsk. Rather than acting to contain the country's latest environmental disaster, Chinese authorities offered a demonstration of why their political system poses a menace to global health.

Officials in Jilin publicly denied any spill of pollutants, while trying to disguise the contamination by releasing reservoir water. Toxic benzene and nitrobenzene, meanwhile, drifted past populated farming areas and the city of Songyuan, where city officials kept the pollution a secret from 400,000 residents who receive their drinking water from the river. Not until six days after the spill, according to one Chinese account, did Jilin inform provincial authorities about the danger to Harbin, 165 miles downstream. City authorities there waited two more days before informing the public, falsely, that the water system was being closed down for routine repairs. The truth came out only on Nov. 23, 10 days after the original accident, when rumors of an imminent earthquake — apparently triggered by the lack of a plausible explanation for the water shutdown — led to panic in the city.

When newspapers in Beijing and Shanghai subsequently sought to unearth the story of the cover-up, they were ordered by the Communist Party's central propaganda department to cease investigating and use only the information of the official New China News Agency, the *Post's* Philip P. Pan reported. Thanks to that censorship, it's still not clear whether the lying — which rivals the failure by the Soviet Union to report the 1986 nuclear accident at Chernobyl — was the initiative of local officials or whether it was ordered by senior Communist Party leaders. Some Chinese reports said that Harbin failed to report the slick, at first, because it was waiting for Beijing's permission to tell the truth.

Either way, the story of the spill ought to sound alarms for international health authorities at a time of heightened awareness that environmental accidents, and epidemics, can spread quickly across borders. Thanks to the Chinese cover-up, Russian officials have 10 fewer days to prepare for the arrival of the toxic spill. In 2003, China's attempt to hide an outbreak of the respiratory disease SARS contributed to its spread across Asia. Today, as the world worries about a possible flu pandemic, the Chinese government claims that it has recorded only three cases of the avian flu, compared with 91 in neighboring Vietnam. Is it telling the truth? If, once again, it is not, the consequences could be catastrophic.

This editorial appeared in Wednesday's *Washington Post*.

ON THE SPOT

What alternatives, if any, should be available to people facing jail time?



"Military camp — it teaches discipline."

Cody Alberts
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"Depending on the case, they should try to do the most beneficial punishment."

Amelia Oliver
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"For less severe crimes, it should be community service. For harsher crimes, it should still be jail time."

Matt Nunn
UI junior



"Community service, I think, is important, because you learn a lot of social skills. But it depends on the severity of the crime."

Jenna Conn
UI junior

Iraq's progress

Acknowledging progress in Iraq shouldn't be a partisan issue, yet the rhetoric coming from today's congressional Democrats make it appear as though it is. We all hear it repeatedly: We're not making progress; it's an unwinnable war. Despite any day-to-day successes, these have become perpetual talking points for many on the Left.

Given today's partisan political environment, everyone expects there to be divisions on important issues. However, much of the rhetoric in Washington has only served to unnecessarily divide the country and make it harder to find common ground. So, even though it's a week

after Thanksgiving, it's worth looking at a few of the positive developments taking place in Iraq, which all Americans should be thankful.

From a humanitarian perspective, USAID, the United Nations, and numerous others have made tremendous progress in areas of health care and education — to name just two. Some of the many accomplishments have included: Vaccinating 3.2 million children under age 5, providing training for 2,500 primary health-care providers, and renovating 110 primary health centers providing basic clinical and laboratory equipment. Overall, health-care spending in Iraq is 60 times higher than it was before the war, and it's paying enormous dividends, in terms of health and well-being.

On education, the coalition has renovated more than 2,500 schools countrywide, printed and distributed 8.7 million revised math and science textbooks to grades 1-12, and trained nearly 33,000 secondary school teachers (including 17,513 women). In a country that had one of the lowest adult literacy rates in the Arab world, this is making a difference, and just once, I'd like to see Howard Dean or Sen. Joe Biden mix it up and talk about these activities in Iraq. Reconstruction has never been just about our military, and more Americans need to hear about these events taking place every day.

Politically, the Iraqi people have defied the pessimists at every turn. Eight million Iraqis voted in their interim government elections last January, 10 million participated in ratifying their new Constitution in October, and, hopefully, even more will turn out on Dec. 15 to elect their first parliamentary government.

But amid this progress, what has been the response of many liberals and congressional Democrats? It has been to purposefully ignore it for political gain, minimize the significance of the achievements, and condescendingly argue that there's no "real" progress or plan. Just because peace and democracy hasn't emerged in less than three years doesn't mean there's no plan to achieve it.

Democracies have to constantly evolve, and it's unrealistic to believe that Iraq, in less than three years, can put together a military to defend itself and erase all its history of bitter ethnic rivalries. The most important thing the U.S. can do is help Iraqis maintain an environment where differences can be reconciled through a political process, not violence. Today, this is taking place, as the once-disaffected Sunnis are playing a more active role in the political process. Debate in Iraq is being fueled by 72 radio stations and more than 100 independent newspapers. Before 2003, there were no independent Iraqi media outlets to inform citizens.

These developments are the prerequisites to free, civil society and represent the fundamental difference between our goals and those of the insurgency. Where was Abu Musab al-Zarqawi during the elections last January? He wasn't trying to influence change through a political process with the consent of the people. Instead, he tried, as he does on a daily basis, to influence change purely by violence and intimidation. For any country with aspirations for peace and democracy, as Iraq clearly has, this can never stand. Anyone who thinks that the world will somehow be more peaceful if a precedent is allowed to be set in Iraq that violence and murder are effective tactics in disrupting U.S. efforts and the Iraqi government's is truly delusional.

As the lone voice of reason in the Democratic Party, Sen. Joe Lieberman stated the following in a Nov. 29 *Wall Street Journal* op-ed: "[This] is a war between 27 million and 10,000; 27 million Iraqis who want to live lives of freedom, opportunity, and prosperity and roughly 10,000 terrorists ... who know their wretched causes will be set back if Iraq becomes free and modern." He's right, and it shouldn't be considered partisan to say so. ■

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He not only plays Santa during Christmas time in towns within an 80-mile radius of Pocahontas and in the Coral Ridge Mall but also in parades, Fourth of July celebrations, and even a RV park during the summer months.

Whether a child has a five-page list of toys or merely asks Santa to "make Mommy and Daddy stop fighting," he said, he feels kids truly confide in him.

"The child feels like he can unload to Santa," said

"The child feels like he can unload to Santa. No lie — I've never thrown away a piece of paper or a letter [from a child]. I've got them all back at the North Pole."

— Charles Weatherwax, Santa Claus impersonator

Weatherwax, who cherishes each note or wish list from the thousands of children who have sat upon his lap. "No lie — I've never thrown away a piece of paper or a letter [from a child]. I've got them all back at the North Pole."

Weatherwax said that

even college students recognize him as Santa Claus and occasionally invite him out for a drink when they see him near the Heartland Inn, where he stays during his stint in the Iowa City and Coralville area.

"Sometimes the kids will

holler at me and say, 'Hey Santa, come over to Old Chicago for a beer,'" he said. "And I'll say, 'No, there are kids here; Santa's got to have a Pepsi.'"

Even parents or grandparents sometimes plopp onto Santa's lap, Weatherwax said.

"Mothers and fathers in their 40s, 50s, and 60s still come to sit on Santa's lap," he said. "The oldest lady I've had come sit on my lap was 92 years old — she still believed in Santa."

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City looks for young vision

YOUTH

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Commission at that time, and that person would then interview the panel candidates.

The liaison would then recommend seven candidates to the council, which will vote to confirm the members.

Councilor Bob Elliott said the city is seeking young people who want to offer a diverse voice for the council.

"We're looking for people who are interested in their community and making sure they give the council a young person's point of view — which is sometimes missed," he said.

Elliott said he hopes "more than enough" candidates apply for the position.

"I think there are a lot of young people who would like to affect their community," he said.

Although the council is seeking young people who have shown a history of being civic-minded, Elliott said, those who haven't been as involved in the community are encouraged to apply and become engaged in Iowa City.

UI junior Mika Kiburz said

she thought the idea was interesting but wouldn't be interested in applying herself because she is overwhelmed with school work.

"I think the city already does think a lot about youth issues," she said. "But this might offer a more balanced opinion."

Kiburz said she thought many students would be willing to apply — especially political-science majors or people who have been involved with student government.

Austin Baeth, the UI Student Government alternate City Council liaison, said he believes the commission is designated more for high-school students, and UI students filling the 18 to 21 position, will act as leaders on the panel.

"The sooner you engage kids in government, the more likely they are to participate in it later in life," he said.

Interested students can download an application form on the Iowa City website at www.icgov.org or pick one up at City Hall.

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Press

Progress in Iraq is an issue, yet from today's reports make it is. We all hear not making a winnable war. Military successes, perpetual talk on the Left. In political envious there to be issues. However, Washington has rarely divide the order to find com- though it's a week



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NATION

Airport screeners to focus more on explosives

WASHINGTON — The government's decision to allow airline passengers to carry small scissors is part of a broader shift in airport security, focusing more on keeping explosives off planes and less on stopping another Sept. 11-type attack.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., the

chairman of the House Transportation Committee's aviation panel, applauded the decision as a welcome change in the mindset of the Transportation Security Administration.

"They're trying to shift from shaking down little old ladies with scissors and knitting needles to looking at what the real threats are," Mica said. "Explosives are my major concern."

Transportation Security chief Kip

Hawley plans a major policy speech Friday in which he'll outline security changes. Among them: Passengers will be allowed to carry scissors less than 4 inches long and wrenches and screwdrivers less than 7 inches long, according to a Homeland Security official who spoke on condition of anonymity, because the complete list has not been made public.

It's unclear whether small knives will still be banned from passenger

cabins, because the list of prohibited items hasn't been finalized yet, the official said.

Flight attendants and the families of Sept. 11 victims object strongly to the plan.

"The devastating effects of 9/11 showed the world how a simple box cutter could become a deadly weapon in the hands of the wrong person," said Patricia Friend, president of the Association of Flight Attendants.

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NEWS

Bush defends course in Iraq

BUSH

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said, will be driven by "the conditions on the ground in Iraq and the good judgment of our commanders."

Democratic critics focused on the fact that Bush's speech and an accompanying 35-page document, titled "National Strategy for Victory in Iraq," broke no new ground, mostly restating administration aims put forth in 2003.

Bush "once again missed an opportunity to lay out a real strategy for success in Iraq that will bring our troops safely home," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

But Bush's speech, the first of several he's expected to make in the run-up to Dec. 15 elections to seat a permanent Iraqi government, appeared to reflect an administration repositioning to highlight exit preparations — if not exactly an exit timetable — and to more closely define the nature of the enemy.

"I think he's sharpened his language a lot today. Obviously, things haven't been flowing in his direction lately," said Frederick Barton, an Iraq specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Barton said that Bush's intended audience, besides the military, the broader American public and Iraqi voters, included members of Congress who have grown increasingly skeptical of the Iraq mission — including "reluctant members of his own party" who sit on committees with jurisdiction over defense spending.

Bush's approval rating is at the low point of his presidency, at 37 percent in a recent AP-Ipsos poll, with a majority of Americans — 53 percent — saying they believe the war was a mistake. Republicans on the ballot next year are becoming increasingly restive.

Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, the senior Democrat on the House Appropriations defense subcommittee and a strong supporter of the military, called two weeks ago for the withdrawal of all 160,000 U.S. troops from Iraq over the next six months, igniting protests from the White House and Republican congressional leaders.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California, who



President Bush waves after speaking about his war policy at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on Wednesday. President Bush, facing growing doubts about his war strategy, said Iraqi troops are increasingly taking the lead.

earlier suggested Murtha spoke for himself, said Wednesday, "I believe that a majority of our caucus clearly supports Mr. Murtha."

Also, the Senate has voted overwhelmingly to require the administration to send Congress regular reports on the war's progress and has suggested that 2006 be made a key year of transition toward Iraqi self-protection.

Thus, the debate over troop withdrawal was very much on the agenda during Bush's speech. The president said those advocating withdrawal now are "sincerely wrong" and would "send a signal to our enemies that if they wait long enough, America will cut and run and abandon its friends."

At the same time, Bush declared that progress was indeed being made on training Iraqi forces to replace U.S. troops.

"The training of the Iraqi forces is an enormous task, and it hasn't always gone smoothly," Bush conceded.

But, he said, "many of those forces have made real gains over the past year, and Iraqi soldiers take pride in their progress."

He cited statistics, saying there were "over 120 Iraqi army and police combat battalions" in the fight against

insurgents, with each battalion typically consisting of 350-800 troops. Of those, about 80 battalions are fighting alongside coalition forces, and "about 40 others are taking the lead in the fight," Bush said.

Michele Flournoy, a senior Pentagon official in the Clinton administration, said there's no question that the performance of Iraqi units has improved — but probably not to the extent that would allow a major U.S. troop withdrawal anytime soon. Still, withdrawal "is forcing its way onto the agenda," Flournoy said.

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Leonard stresses alternative energy

LEONARD

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Republicans — Karey Claghorn and Bill Northey — as well as Democrats Denise O'Brien and Dusky Terry, the field is crowded.

Yet Leonard said he feels he can rise above the competition by grounding his campaign on his experience as a cattle breeder, banker, and government lobbyist.

As he spoke to the students, he said more than half of Iowa's gross domestic product is affected by agriculture, as well as half of the state's jobs.

The Cherokee, Iowa, native also spoke about renewable energy, describing it as an issue that has only been mentioned in recent months.

"We do have people, all of a sudden, really addressing the fact that we can use more ethanol in this state," he said. "Iowa can be the global energy capital of the world."

Agriculture policy was also on Leonard's mind, specifically the Food Security Act of 2002.

The legislation provides unlimited payments to the largest farming operations, who receive excess money and then raise land prices, Leonard contended.

"That's why these unlimited payments are a terrible thing and why it in fact has been the chief cause of why the population of this state has not risen," he said.

UI freshman Quinten Tompkins, a co-founder of the Hawkeyes For Leonard, chose to support Leonard because of on his experience and his favorable stance toward alternative means of energy.

"He seems like he can do a lot for agriculture in the state of Iowa," Tompkins said.

The duties of the secretary of Agriculture, according to the Code of Iowa, include presiding over the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's four divisions and providing nominees for their highest positions.

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Duke countered a surge to regain control 63 with 4:43 to go, trolled the contest. The Blue Devils sealed victory by shooting 5-11 the line in the last 43

FOOTBA

High-school football coach suspended for cheating

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An assistant high-school coach was suspended at least a year after he was caught on videotape moving a marker to help his school officials said.

The videotape showed coach, Paul Bryan, moving the marker to Pedro High School's down on a critical play an Oct. 28 game. Bryan scored on the drive the game against Garner School, 13-12.

"That was a premeditated act," San Pedro High School coach Diana Gelb said in an order to set an example and not be looking over his shoulders next season. It is important to send a message that San Pedro values academic achievement, sportsmanship, and integrity.

Bryan, who has coached at the school for 20 years, declined to comment on disciplinary action. He said he expected a game suspension.

The videotape was obtained from a rival school that watched the game.

Gardena assistant coach William Berry said the incident was appropriate. "It shows people you can't cheat and get away with it."

Devin Carter, a running back for San Pedro, also said the suspension was proper. "It makes us look better," he said.

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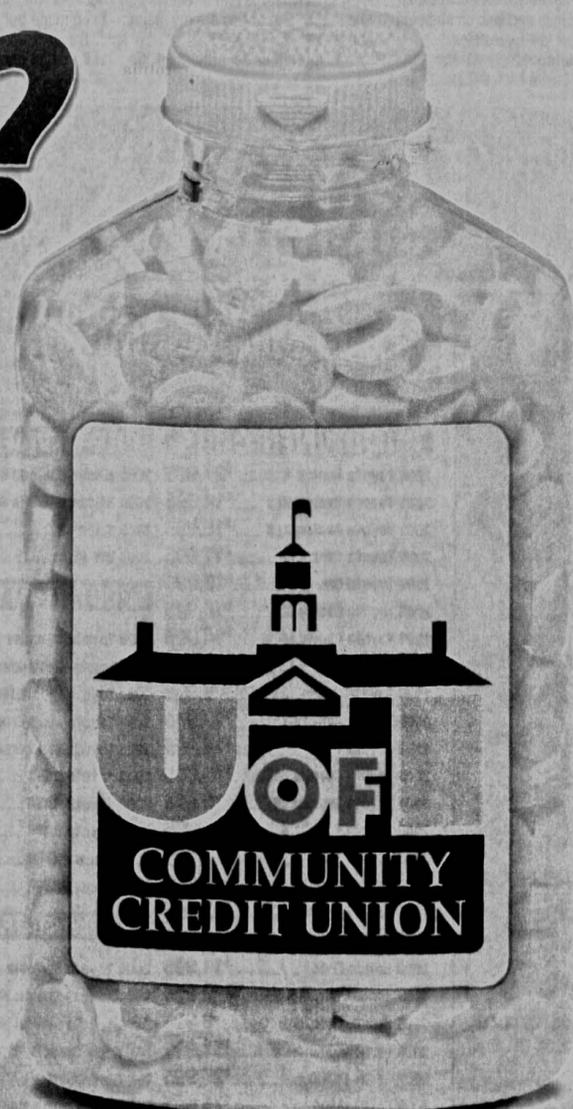
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BASKETBALL

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Duke's J.J. Redick was more efficient than Indiana's Marco Killingsworth, and he had more help.

Redick scored 29 points, and Sheldon Williams added 13 before fouling out as No. 1 Duke held off No. 17 Indiana in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge on Wednesday night.

Duke (6-0) is now 7-0 in the showcase event, but it had to withstand an outstanding performance by Killingsworth to remain perfect. Greg Paulus also had 13 points for the Blue Devils.

Killingsworth had a career-high 34 points and 10 rebounds and dominated the middle after getting the Blue Devils' two top interior players — Williams and Josh McRoberts — into foul trouble early in the second half.

But it wasn't enough.

It was a frantic game from the start, with Duke uncharacteristically in foul trouble and committing turnovers in bunches.

The Hoosiers (3-1) took advantage in the second half, rallying from a 44-35 halftime deficit, thanks primarily to Killingsworth. His only 3 of the game sparked an 11-0 run that gave Indiana its first lead at 59-58 with 7:43 left.

Duke countered with a 9-4 surge to regain control at 67-63 with 4:43 to go, and controlled the contest after that. The Blue Devils sealed the victory by shooting 5-for-6 from the line in the last 43 seconds.

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Devin Carter, a running back for San Pedro, also felt the discipline was proper.

"It makes us look bad," he said.



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa forward Greg Brunner celebrates after making a basket late in the second half against North Carolina State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Wednesday. The Hawks went on a five minute, 10-0 run halfway through the second half to beat the Wolfpack, 45-42.

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa survived a poor shooting night, again.

The 15th-ranked Hawkeyes looked sloppy and sluggish on offense, but the defense shut down No. 24 North Carolina

State for a 45-42 win Wednesday night in front of a season-high 13,034 fans at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa (5-1) shot just 29.8 percent from the field but forced 24 turnovers and forced the Wolfpack into equally bad shooting.

"I can't be more happy for our guys," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "We're not shooting the ball very well right now — that's obvious. Our shooting percentages right now are atrocious, and yet we're 5-1, and our defense just keeps getting better."

N.C. State had a chance to put the game into overtime, but

Ilian Evtimov's game-tying 3-pointer in the final seconds didn't even draw iron as he was suffocated on the perimeter.

At the end of the game, N.C. State coach Herb Sendek met officials at half-court to contest the last play of the game.

"I tried passionately to call a

time-out and the explanation I received at the end of the game that the ball had left the shooter's hand," Sendek said.

Leading 43-40 with under 1:30 left, Jeff Horner hit a big jumper from just behind the

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Women flash long game



"I thought we came out and played very, very well in the first half of this basketball game. Green Bay collapsed and gave us the outside shot, and we responded with great 3-point shooting. For our team to shoot 50 percent from 3-point range, I thought that was tremendous."

— Lisa Bluder,
Women's basketball coach

BY RYAN LONG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Execution from beyond the arc was a significant key in the Iowa women's basketball team's 81-57 win over Wisconsin-Green Bay in Carver-Hawkeye on Wednesday night.

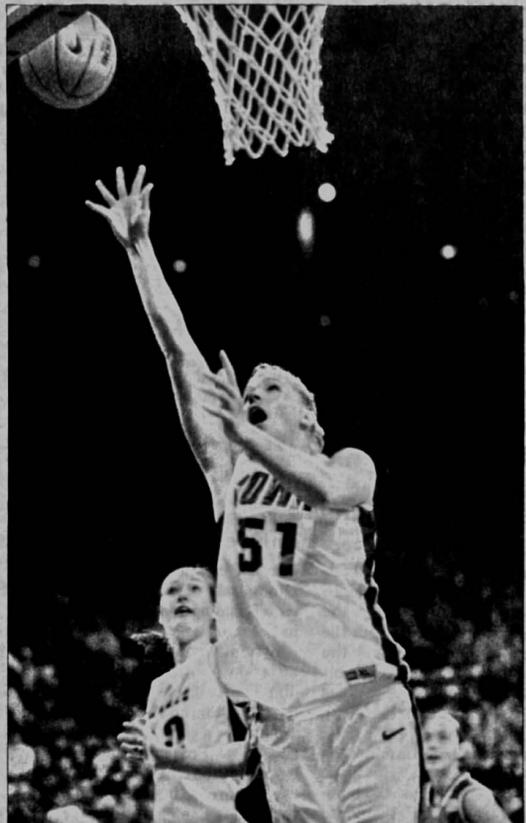
Hawkeye coach Lisa Bluder believed much of the reason for Iowa's 9-of-18 3-point shooting in Carver-Hawkeye Arena was the Hawkeyes' early hot hands.

"I thought we came out and played very, very well in the first half of this basketball game," she said. "Green Bay collapsed and gave us the outside shot, and we responded with great 3-point shooting. For our team to shoot 50 percent from 3-point range, I thought that was tremendous."

Iowa's long ball success was paced by senior forward Tiffany Reedy, who was 3-of-6 from beyond the arc and finished with 13 points and nine rebounds.

"I'm pretty proud of the rebounds," she said. "I feel like I boxed out pretty well tonight and got knocked around a little but came up with the ball a lot."

Heading into the game, Iowa had been out-rebounded in three of its first four contests. The Hawkeyes improved in this department, garnering a 46-26 rebounding advantage over the Phoenix. Controlling the glass is a point of emphasis for Bluder.



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye forward Krista VandeVenter shoots during Iowa's 81-57 victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay in Carver-Hawkeye on Wednesday.

Commentary Youth serves Hawks



TED MCCARTAN

They were Iowa Hawkeyes — their jerseys even said so. But for a few minutes, there were quite a few unfamiliar faces on the floor at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Wednesday night during Iowa's 81-57 win over Wisconsin Green-Bay.

Fresh faces. Freshmen, actually. Megan Skouby, Wendy Ausdemore, and Kristi Smith all notched double-digit points off the bench. Ausdemore and Smith each had career-highs with 10 points each, and Skouby contributed 11. Smith added

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 #6 Gonzaga 89, Portland State 80
 #9 Memphis 97, Jackson State 70
 #13 Michigan State 86, Georgia Tech 86
 #14 Iowa 45, #24 North Carolina State 42
 #19 George Washington 85, St. Francis, Pa. 80
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WOMEN
 #4 Ohio State 73, Dayton 51
 #21 New Mexico 62, #10 Minnesota 44
 #14 DePaul 91, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 79
 #17 Georgia 90, Middle Tennessee State 72
 North Carolina State 76, #19 Vanderbilt 67
 #20 Oklahoma 77, TCU 63
 #23 UCLA 92, UC Irvine 54

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Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	9	8	.520	—
New Jersey	8	8	.467	1
Boston	6	8	.429	1
New York	5	9	.357	2
Toronto	15	15	.500	7

SOUTHEAST

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	9	6	.600	—
Orlando	7	7	.500	1 1/2
Washington	7	7	.500	1 1/2
Charlotte	5	11	.313	3 1/2
Atlanta	2	12	.143	6 1/2

CENTRAL

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	11	2	.846	—
Cleveland	10	4	.714	1 1/2
Indiana	9	5	.643	2 1/2
Chicago	7	6	.538	4
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	11	3	.786	—
Dallas	10	4	.714	1 1/2
Memphis	10	5	.667	1 1/2
New Orleans	7	7	.500	4
Houston	4	11	.267	7 1/2

NORTHWEST

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	8	.500	—
Denver	6	8	.429	1 1/2
Utah	6	9	.400	2
Portland	5	9	.357	2 1/2

PACIFIC

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	10	6	.625	—
Golden State	11	6	.647	—
Phoenix	8	8	.500	1 1/2
Sacramento	7	8	.467	3
L.A. Lakers	5	8	.385	4

Wednesday's Games
 Miami 96, Atlanta 74
 Memphis 92, Toronto 66
 Washington 96, Portland 89
 Cleveland 112, L.A. Clippers 105, OT

New York 106, Chicago 101
 Boston 110, Philadelphia 103
 Detroit 93, New Jersey 83
 Phoenix 109, Indiana 91
 New Orleans 102, Denver 95
 Seattle 104, Charlotte 94
 Golden State 113, Sacramento 106
Today's Games
 San Antonio at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
 Toronto at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Chicago at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 New York at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
 Denver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Miami at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
 Indiana at Portland, 9 p.m.
 Cleveland at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
 By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	16	7	3	35	86	65
N.Y. Rangers	15	8	3	33	97	82
Philadelphia	15	8	3	33	97	82
New Jersey	12	10	2	28	78	79
N.Y. Islanders	12	12	1	25	79	88
Pittsburgh	7	12	6	20	74	105

NORTHWEST

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	19	3	0	38	104	45
Montreal	14	7	4	32	72	77
Buffalo	15	9	1	31	83	80
Toronto	14	9	3	31	89	86
Denver	16	13	3	31	81	92

SOUTHEAST

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	16	7	1	33	85	74
Tampa Bay	14	10	3	31	84	81
Atlanta	10	12	3	23	91	94
Washington	6	14	2	18	88	100
Florida	7	14	4	18	59	81

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	15	2	2	38	100	68
Nashville	15	4	3	33	65	57
Chicago	10	10	0	20	66	85
Columbus	7	18	0	14	47	89
St. Louis	6	15	3	11	58	89

NORTHWEST

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	16	8	2	34	84	74
Colorado	14	9	3	31	100	84
Calgary	14	9	3	31	83	66
Edmonton	14	11	1	29	80	76
Minnesota	10	10	3	23	64	57

PACIFIC

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	17	1	1	35	88	68
Los Angeles	16	9	1	33	95	77
Phoenix	13	12	2	28	72	69
Anaheim	11	11	4	26	70	88
San Jose	9	12	4	23	63	84

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Wednesday's Games
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 Columbus at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Nashville, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Friday's Games
 Los Angeles at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Critics want Bowden's son gone

BY BRENT KALLESTAD
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — November was a long month for Florida State's Bobby Bowden. His once-perennially ranked Seminoles (7-4) were winless, skidding out of the polls for the first time in four years after being manhandled by Clemson and Florida and a close home loss to North Carolina State. And now fan websites, television, and radio talk shows, and some Florida newspapers are calling for the 76-year-old coach to fire his offensive coordinator — who happens to be his youngest son. The younger Bowden has been responsible for the Seminoles' offense the past five seasons, and it has never been as good as those over the previous 15. Not even close. Bobby Bowden, the winningest coach in major college football, has called his son's critics "cowards," adding that fans "better be glad I'd like to keep this job." Bowden, stuck on 358 wins, has two years remaining on his \$2 million annual contract. The state has an anti-nepotism rule, prohibiting bosses from supervising their relatives in government jobs. It's designed to keep family members from showing favoritism, especially when it comes to such jobs as the \$124,655 position enjoyed by Jeff Bowden. But the school circumvents the policy, which is frequently ignored, by saying young Bowden reports to defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews, not his father. Under Jeff Bowden, Florida State (7-4, 5-3 ACC) ranks 42nd in total offense and 39th in scoring offense nationally going into Saturday's league title game against fifth-ranked Virginia Tech (10-1, 7-1). Veteran Seminole radio color analyst Peter Tom Willis, dismayed at some of the play calling this season, said the Seminoles had "a high-school offense" during one broadcast. A

quarterback for Bobby Bowden in the late 1980s, Willis has long been a fan favorite for his candid observations. Florida State President T.K. Wetherell, who inherited the situation, is a former Seminole player. He is reluctant to intercede because of his long-standing fondness for Bobby Bowden, who was his position coach 40 years ago. "When we were 5-0, nobody was talking about it," Wetherell said about the team's fast start this season. "It's really dependent more, in my mind, on performance. I'm sure that's what coach Bowden is looking at." Bobby Bowden is not the only coach promoting family members. Joe Paterno's son, Jay, is the quarterback coach at Penn State, and Steve Spurrier has his son, Steve Jr., on the staff at South Carolina, where former coach Lou Holtz actually demoted his son Skip from the offensive coordinator's role. However, not all states have nepotism policies. Florida does, but it's not impenetrable. Florida State baseball coach Mike Martin and Florida A&M basketball coach Mike Gillespie have sons working for them, while Florida A&M women's basketball coach Debra Clark has husband John as her assistant. But being offensive coordinator at Florida State is far more high profile. Fed up with the offense's performance, Wetherell last year held up pay raises for its coaches. Bowden also replaced veteran offensive line coach Jimmy Heggins, and quarterback Chris Rix, a four-year starter blamed for many of the problems, graduated. The problems, however, are back, leaving former players concerned. "I'm not going to forget the three losses to teams that are not ranked," said Tampa Bay Bucs linebacker Derrick Brooks, a former Seminole All-American who now sits on the school's Board of Trustees.

HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Friday**
- Wrestling at Iowa State, 7 p.m.
 - Men's basketball hosts Fairfield at Carver-Hawkeye, 8:11 p.m.
 - Swimming and diving at Ohio State Invitational, TBA
- Saturday**
- Men's gymnastics hosts Black/Gold Intrasquad at Field House, 2 p.m.
 - Women's basketball hosts Vermont at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 2:15 p.m.
 - Men's basketball hosts Valparaiso/Tulane at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, TBA
 - Swimming and diving at Ohio State Invitational, TBA
 - Women's basketball hosts San Jose State/Rutgers at Carver-Hawkeye, TBA

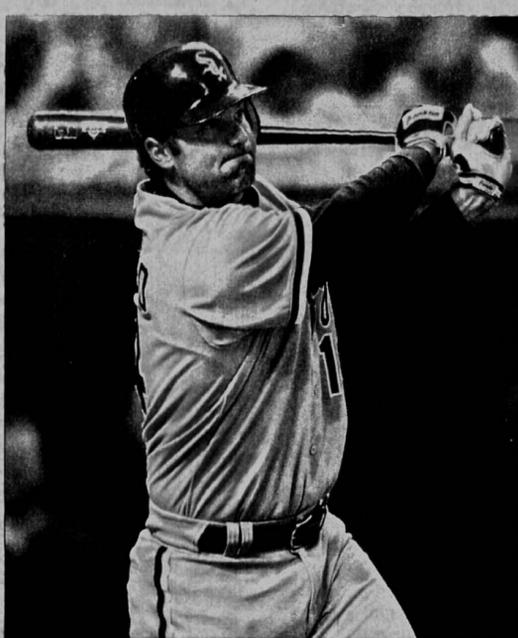
Konerko stays in Windy City

The World Series champions agree to \$60 million deal with their slugging first baseman

BY RICK GANO
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Paul Konerko decided to stay with the World Series champion Chicago White Sox, agreeing Wednesday to a \$60 million, five-year contract. The first baseman led the White Sox with 40 homers and 100 RBIs last season, hitting .283. He was MVP of the AL championship series win over the Los Angeles Angels after hitting two homers and seven RBIs. He had a go-ahead grand slam in Game 2 of the World Series sweep over Houston, the first Series title for the White Sox since 1917. "You have family, all things came into play," Konerko said. "At the end of the day, 'OK, I'm a baseball player, and where am I going to feel the best?'" A two-time All-Star, Konerko had an \$8.75 million base salary last season, then became a free agent after the Series. Last off-season, Chicago decided not to discuss an extension. His new deal calls for him to receive \$12 million annually. Chicago agreed to a limited no-trade clause that states he can't be dealt to six specified teams without his permission. "Paul, in the last 24 to 48 hours, really came to terms with the fact that he wanted to be a Chicago White Sox," said his agent, Craig Landis. "He had a hard time turning down the chance to go back and try to win another championship in Chicago. He has loyalty to his

teammates and to the fans there and feels very wanted — not just by the White Sox organization — but by the whole city of Chicago. He felt that that could not be matched in other cities." Konerko also was courted by the Angels, who offered just over \$60 million for five years, and the Baltimore Orioles, who proposed a \$65 million, five-year deal. "When that offer was rejected late yesterday, we expected the talks to be ongoing," said Orioles Executive Vice President Mike Flanagan, who wouldn't confirm the figure. "But we sensed earlier today that he was headed back to Chicago." When the White Sox added a fifth year, Konerko had the deal he wanted. "I said if I'm going to do it, do it the right way, and get what was fair. And the White Sox gave me what was fair," he said. He had five homers and 15 RBIs in the postseason, as the White Sox swept Boston in the opening round, closed out the Angels in five games, as he hit first-inning homers in Games 3 and 4, and then beat the Astros. Konerko was acquired by the White Sox from Cincinnati in a 1998 trade for Mike Cameron. In seven seasons with the White Sox, Konerko has averaged .283 with 29 homers and 95 RBIs. "This is where he wanted to play. He just couldn't pull the trigger elsewhere and envision



Tony Dejak/Associated Press
 Paul Konerko of the White Sox watches the ball after hitting a three-run home run against the Cleveland Indians on April 14 in Cleveland.

himself in another uniform," order, with the right-handed Konerko batting cleanup ahead of the left-handed-swinging Thome. Also a first baseman, Thome is coming off an injury-filled shortened season with the Phillies and figures to be the designated hitter. With Konerko and Thome, it's unclear whether Chicago will try to re-sign Frank Thomas. But the chances would appear to be slim. GM Kenny Williams said he wouldn't announce a decision on Thomas' future until he had time to talk with the two-time MVP.

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BY RALPH D.
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Heisman Trophy one last opportunity front-runners. No. 1 Southern Cal by its dynamic C Leinart and Reggie No. 11 UCLA on Sa a chance to claim a national title game. Vince Young and try to secure their Rose Bowl by playing the Big 12 champion. Conventional Bush at the head man pack, after charts performance Fresno State — 51 yards — two weeks. Young appeared ahead in support, went off against the 50-42 victory. Then out flat in a 40-29 A&M on Nov. 25, another bump in the Leinart, last year winner, is looking third candidate in race. But much cou Saturday, when the high, and the game. Maybe UCLA's leading the nation efficiency, or tailb Drew can make a New York City for handout Dec. 10 by Bruins to an upset.

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Heisman hopefuls at center of spotlight

No. 1 USC, with Heisman hopefuls Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush, will take on No. 11 UCLA, and No. 2 Texas, with Heisman candidate Vince Young, will play Colorado in the Big 12 championship game

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heisman Trophy voters have one last opportunity to eye the front-runners.

No. 1 Southern California, led by its dynamic duo of Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush, faces No. 11 UCLA on Saturday, with a chance to claim a spot in the national title game.

Vince Young and No. 2 Texas try to secure their place in the Rose Bowl by playing Colorado in the Big 12 championship game.

Conventional wisdom put Bush at the head of the Heisman pack, after his off-the-charts performance against Fresno State — 513 all-purpose yards — two weeks ago.

Young appeared to be inching ahead in support, until Bush went off against the Bulldogs in a 50-42 victory. Then Young came out flat in a 40-29 win at Texas A&M on Nov. 25, and Bush got another bump in the straw polls.

Leinart, last year's Heisman winner, is looking a lot like the third candidate in a two-man race. But much could change on Saturday, when the stakes are high, and the games are few.

Maybe UCLA's Drew Olson, leading the nation in passing efficiency, or tailback Maurice Drew can make a late push to New York City for the Heisman handout Dec. 10 by leading the Bruins to an upset of USC.



Leinart
USC

Seven conference championships will be determined from Thursday to Saturday.

The Mid-American Conference gets it going Thursday night, with Akron facing

Northern Illinois for the league crown.

The Big 12, Atlantic Coast Conference, Conference USA, and the Southeastern Conference play championship games on Saturday.

UCLA can cause a three-way tie for the Pac-10 title with Oregon by beating USC.

Fresno State can do the same in the Western Athletic Conference by beating Louisiana Tech on Friday night. Fresno State would share the title with Boise State and Nevada.

The picks:

THURSDAY

MAC championship, Akron (plus 13) vs. Northern Illinois
Huskies have scored at least 31 points eight times ... N. ILLINOIS 37-17.

FRIDAY

Louisiana Tech (plus 22) at No. 23 Fresno State
Pat Hill's Bulldogs bounce

back from Nevada letdown ... FRESNO STATE 48-20.

SATURDAY

No. 11 UCLA (plus 21) at No. 1 Southern California
USC goes for seven in a row against crosstown rival ... USC 55-35.

Big 12 championship, Colorado (plus 27½) vs. No. 2 Texas
Not much different from first meeting this season ... TEXAS 45-14.

SEC championship, No. 13 Georgia (plus 2) vs. No. 3 LSU
Rematch of 2003 title game, won by LSU 34-13 ... LSU 21-20.
ACC championship, Florida St. (plus 14) vs. No. 5 Virginia Tech
Seminoles trying to avoid first four-game losing streak under Bowden ... VIRGINIA TECH 29-13.

No. 12 West Virginia (minus 9) at South Florida
Mountaineers have Big East title and BCS bid locked up ... SOUTH FLORIDA 23-20.

Army (plus 6½) vs. Navy at Philadelphia
Navy has won five of six meetings ... NAVY 26-21.

No. 16 Louisville (minus 15½) at Connecticut
UConn looking to become bowl eligible ... CONNECTICUT 26-21.

C-USA championship, Tulsa (plus 1½) at UCF
George O'Leary tries to complete UCF turnaround with crown ... UCF 31-24.

Backup a key in Army-Navy game matchup

BY DAVID GINSBURG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The first option in Navy's three-pronged running attack was not the team's initial choice to fill the position.

Sophomore Adam Ballard took over for injured fullback Matt Hall three weeks ago, and he will get his second career start Saturday against Army. Although Ballard was used sparingly before his ascension on the depth chart, his presence in the backfield does not represent a sharp drop-off in

talent — as evidenced by his 167-yard rushing effort against Temple on Nov. 19.

Ballard and Hall arrived at summer practice eager to fill the void left by the departure of standout Kyle Eckel, who ran for 179 yards in last year's Army-Navy game. The duel was fairly even before Ballard strained his right hamstring in August and missed a week of workouts.

By the time he returned, Hall had become a fixture in the offense.

"I was really upset, because I stayed here all summer and

really worked hard," said Ballard, who lives in Texas. "I kind of felt it slip away from me, all in one moment."

He got the starting job in precisely the same fashion. On Hall's first carry against Notre Dame, he tore the ACL and MCL ligaments in his left knee and was lost for the season.

In stepped Ballard, who didn't exactly get off to a roaring start. He tiptoed through the hole on his first carry, and Navy coach Paul Johnson promptly scolded him on the sideline during the nationally televised game.

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Jauron turns to Garcia

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — Interim coach Dick Jauron designated Jeff Garcia to start at quarterback for Detroit at quarterback on Dec. 4 against Minnesota.

There had been speculation that Joey Harrington or even rookie Dan Orlovsky would start against the Vikings instead of the 35-year-old Garcia, because team President Matt Millen said Monday when he fired coach Steve Mariucci that he wanted to get more out of younger players.

"I've played against Jeff a number of times, and he plays a real tough, hard-nosed game," Jauron said Wednesday. "He's got more experience, so that's really it. It wasn't anything that I don't think Joey can do."

Neither quarterback has played well this season, one reason for Detroit's 4-7 record.

Garcia has one touchdown pass and two interceptions in three games, and Harrington, the third pick of the 2002 draft, has thrown eight TDs and 11 interceptions in nine starts.

"The decision didn't come as a surprise to me," said Garcia, a Pro Bowler with San Francisco. "I think everyone in the locker room knows what the situation is and what it should be."

Harrington had started the previous four games — with four TDs, three interceptions, and one victory — after losing his job to Garcia in October, when the veteran recovered from leg and ankle injuries.

Naysayers aplenty, but Buffs try to tune them out

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Maybe the best way for the Colorado Buffaloes to see what the rest of the world thinks about them is to look at the point spread that none of them are supposed to look at.

The Buffs are a 27½-point underdog against Texas on Saturday in the Big 12 title game.

For the record, it's the biggest spread in a conference title game — surpassing the 24-point line in the 1995 meeting between Florida and Arkansas — since the whole idea of conference title games came to pass in the early 1990s.

It's things such as the point spread and the pundits, none of whom figure to give Colorado credit for being anything more than a bump on Texas' path to the national title game, that Buffs coach Gary Barnett knows his team must ignore.

Listening to the naysayers last year, he believes, led to Buffaloes' flat effort in a 42-3 loss to Oklahoma in the title game.

Barnett said he recalled talking to players who said they sat around watching TV shows leading up to the game.

"They were talking about how good Oklahoma was and how they were going to kill us, and they started looking at each other like, 'We're lambs at the slaughter,'" Barnett said. "And when that happens, you are lambs at the slaughter."

Getting the Buffs to feel good about themselves could be the toughest task Barnett faces this week, even tougher than figuring out how to beat the talent-rich Longhorns.

Colorado hasn't won in nearly a month, and the Buffs are still stinging from last week's 30-3 loss to Nebraska. And most of the talk about them is how they backed into the Big 12 title game and how three or four teams in the Big 12 could give Texas a better game than Colorado.

"It's amazing how you have to learn that lesson, not to listen to all the things you read or hear," Barnett said. "Either you learn to shut it out, you don't read it, or you read it and accept it. And if you do, then you'll probably get your butt handed to you. It's the choices we all make, and it's part of the educational process."

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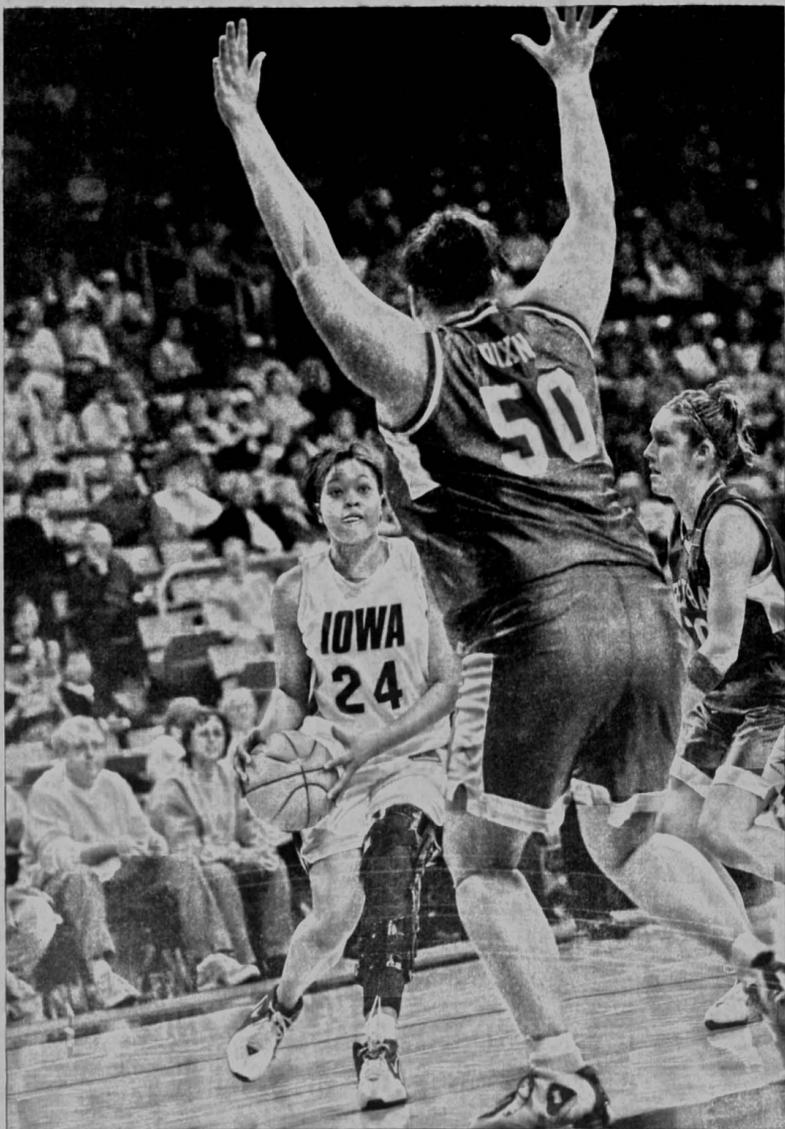
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SPORTS

HAWKEYE WOMEN WIN: 81-57



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Iowa forward Jenee Graham goes up for a shot against Wisconsin-Green Bay's Marcy Dixon during the Hawkeyes' 81-57 victory in Carver on Wednesday evening.

Women shoot like Joans of Arc

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"It's something that we talk about a lot," she said. "One of my biggest pet peeves is rebounding, because I've always felt that rebounding is truly effort. And so, I just have been really concerned about our rebounding the first three games."

"We spent a lot more time working on it this week, and I think it definitely paid off."

Iowa also received significant contributions offensively. Reedy,

senior guard Crystal Smith, and the freshman trio of Kristi Smith, Wendy Ausdemore, and Megan Skouby all finished their scoring efforts in double figures.

This display of depth provides significance when considering the amount of scoring and minutes that Crystal Smith has been providing as of late.

"I think we realize that we can't [always] depend on Crystal," Kristi Smith said. "When things aren't going well, everybody's got to be able to step up."

Another vital offensive statistic:

The Hawkeye bench outscored Wisconsin-Green Bay 39-17. Bluder realizes the importance of depth at this point of the season.

"I know we're going to have our bumps and bruises along the way, but I think we got quality for those young kids today," she said. "And that's going to help us, because we need to get the freshmen as many minutes as we can so that they grow up in a hurry."

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Defense saves men

MEN

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free-throw line for a five-point lead. But the Wolfpack answered when forward Andrew Brackman scored on a put-back and went to the charity stripe with an opportunity to come within two points.

Brackman's free-throw attempt rimmed out, but Iowa threw up an air ball on the other end, giving the ball back to N.C. State with around 18 seconds left with a chance to tie.

Evtimov's shot didn't hit anything, either, after the forward couldn't get around Greg Brunner and Erik Hansen on the perimeter.

Adam Haluska led the Hawkeyes with 18 points, hitting a team-best 7-of-17 from the field. Horner added 11 points with six assists. Brunner scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds.

Cedric Simmons's dunk and pair of free throws gave the Wolfpack a 35-31 lead with 9:52 remaining. Iowa went on a 10-0 run, shutting out N.C. State over the next 6:30. Then,

Evtimov connected from beyond the arc with 2:59 left to pull within three at 41-38.

Brunner made a midrange jumper on the ensuing possession, but Simmons answered with a wide-open dunk, cutting the deficit to 43-40 with 1:35 left.

The Hawkeyes missed their first eight shots of the second half and followed a basket with another eight-pack of misfires. Iowa converted only three field goals in the first 15 minutes of the half but never trailed by more than four points.

The final score resembled that of a high-school game, along with the sloppy and careless play. N.C. State turned the ball over 24 times, including 11 off Iowa steals, and the Hawkeyes committed 19 turnovers.

The teams combined to make just 5-of-30 shots from 3-point territory.

Simmons led the Wolfpack with 13 points, 13 rebounds, and six blocked shots.

Neither team shot well in the first, either, leading to a 25-22 Iowa lead — the team's

lowest halftime points total this season.

The Hawkeyes jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead just more than two minutes into the game when Horner scored the first five points for Iowa on a pair of jumpers. But the Hawkeyes abruptly lost their shooting touch, making just three field goals over the next 12 minutes.

Iowa finished the half just 10-of-33 from the field, while N.C. State hit slightly better, hitting 9-of-27.

Despite Iowa's victory, the Big Ten didn't bode well in the race for the Commissioner's Cup.

Top-ranked Duke's 75-67 victory over No. 17 Indiana on Wednesday night clinched the Big Ten/ACC Challenge for the seventh-straight year for the ACC. The conference won 6 of the 11 games this season — the first time all the Big Ten teams participated in the tournament.

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Hawks turn to youth

YOUNG HAWKS

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four assists and showed promise of her potential as a point guard further down the road, while Skouby used all of her 6-6 frame — the tallest of any women's basketball player in school history — to snag six rebounds.

"Three freshmen in double figures tonight, that's pretty amazing in itself," coach Lisa Bluder said. "I looked out on the floor at one point, and we had four freshmen and one sophomore, but they responded, and they did a nice job."

The freshmen totaled 33 points Wednesday — more than any other class. And though they are also the most represented class, their contributions are going to be needed all season, and the team knows it.

"We got quality minutes for those young kids," Bluder said. "And that's going to help us. We need to get the freshmen as many minutes as we can, so they can grow up in a hurry, because we're going to need them in the Big Ten season."

Even the fourth freshman who suits up, Nicole Vander-Pol, contributed a couple of rebounds in the brief action she saw. Also in the class of 2009 is Lindsey Nyenhuis, who's chipping in her part as a cheerleader while nursing a foot injury. And it's becoming more and more clear that while other freshmen around the country are observing things from the bench, Iowa's rookies are getting thrown right in the mix. They are, well, getting to do exactly what they came to Iowa to do. "It's fun," said Kristi Smith.

"I came here to play basketball, and I don't want to sit on the bench. I want to make the most of every opportunity I can get... everybody's got to be able to step up."

And the seniors are welcoming them with open arms. After two key players in the senior class went down with ACL tears — Lindsay Richards and Johanna Solverson — they know a freshman class ready to help out is exactly what they need.

"You think about when you were a freshman and the excitement that they must be feeling, it's fun to see them play really well," senior Tiffany Reedy said. "Obviously, as Coach Bluder said, we're going to need them to step up, so it's great to see the youth doing it."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Former Purdue player charged

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — A former Purdue football player was jailed Wednesday in connection with assaults on two women.

Kyle Darnell Williams, 19, a freshman from Bolingbrook, Ill., faces preliminary charges of felony battery and criminal confinement, police said. Additional charges could be filed, once results of blood evidence tests are complete, Purdue Police Capt. John Cox said.

Police said an 18-year-old student was found unconscious and bleeding in the parking lot behind a sorority house around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

A 19-year-old woman was attacked about an hour and a half later while walking and was able to give police a description of her assailant.

The 18-year-old was in fair condition Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The second woman was treated and released.

Williams was being held Wednesday in the Tippecanoe County Jail on \$25,000 bond. The charges against him stem from the attack on the 19-year-old.

Cox said blood on Williams' clothing was being compared to that of the woman attacked at the sorority house to see if charges can be filed in that case.

Williams, a linebacker, was one of the nation's top high school

prospects as a senior and was named a first team All-American by Parade, Rivals.com and Insiders.com, according to the

Purdue football media guide. He was released from the team Nov. 16 at his own request, Purdue spokeswoman Jeanne Norberg said.

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BY JIM VERTUNO
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AUSTIN, Texas — The fourth-quarter touchdown pass against Ohio State. The first win over Oklahoma since 2000. The second-half rescue against Oklahoma State.

Whatever No. 2 Texas needed this season, quarterback Vince Young delivered in dazzling and spectacular fashion.

When the 2005 season started, conventional wisdom was that the Longhorns would go as far as Young could take them. Eleven wins later, they are still on the move, playing Saturday for the Big 12 title. Another victory sends them back to California for a second-straight Rose Bowl, only this time with the national championship on the line.

"We're so close," Young said. "We can smell the Rose right now."

On Wednesday, the junior quarterback was an unanimous selection as the Associated Press' Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year in voting by 20 reporters who regularly cover the league for newspapers in the seven states with conference teams.

Texas Tech safety Dwayne Slay was selected as the conference's defensive player of the year. Oklahoma State freshman running back Mike Hamilton was picked as the league offensive newcomer of the year. Oklahoma junior



Young
Texas
quarterback



Slay
Texas
defensive back

defensive end C.J. Ah You was named the defensive newcomer of the year.

The all-conference teams will be released Thursday.

Young is the first Texas player to win the offensive honor since quarterback Major Applewhite in 1999. In doing so, he broke Applewhite's school records for single-season total offense (3,369) and the career mark (8,450).

Shedding his reputation as a run-first quarterback, Young passed for 2,576 yards and 23 touchdowns and rushed for 793 yards and eight more scores in leading the Longhorns to their first 11-0 record since 1983.

Young's numbers and penchant for making big plays in Texas' biggest games have made him a contender for the Heisman Trophy, an award that he insists is a distant thought, as he tries to lead the Longhorns to their first Big 12 title since 1996. Texas plays Colorado (7-4) Saturday in the league championship game in Houston.

"What really matters is that we're out there having a good time and getting wins," Young said.

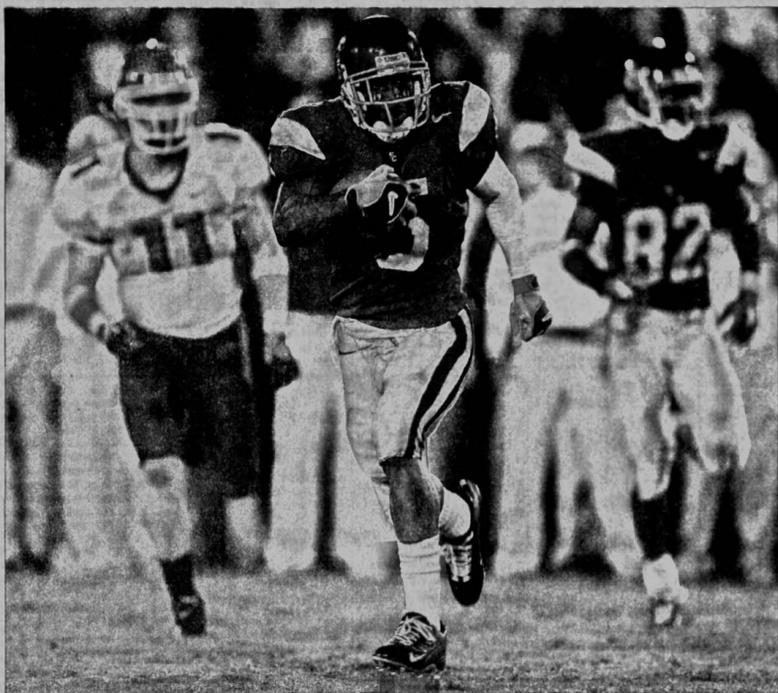
Young's last-minute touchdown pass to Limas Sweed sent the Longhorns to a 25-22 win at Ohio State in the second game. He threw for three touchdowns against Oklahoma, as Texas snapped a five-game losing streak to the Sooners. The next week against Colorado, he ran for three touchdowns, passed for two more, and threw for a career-high 336 yards.

"There's no question he's the best football player in America," Kansas coach Mark Mangino said, after a 66-14 Texas victory. "I don't have a vote for the Heisman, but if I did, he'd get it. Nobody does for their team what Vince Young does for his."

His best game came at Oklahoma State, when he ran for 267 yards, passed for 239, and accounted for four touchdowns to rally Texas from a 28-9 deficit to a 47-28 victory. His 80-yard touchdown run in the third quarter changed momentum in the game and, perhaps, saved the season.

"If you pick the most valuable player in the country, it has to be Vince," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "We wouldn't be sitting here today without Vince."

No Big 12 defensive player made bigger hits than Slay, who beat out seven other voters for the AP honor.



Kevin Djansezian/Associated Press

Southern California's Reggie Bush breaks away against Fresno St. on Nov. 19 in Los Angeles. The USC tailback is the front-runner for the Heisman Trophy, and he has the pro teams drooling.

This Bush soars in popularity polls

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reggie Bush has been compared with Gale Sayers and Marshall Faulk. He's the front-runner to win the Heisman Trophy and already holds the unofficial title of "Most Exciting Player in College Football."

All those accolades are great, but what counts most for the USC tailback — or at least for his bank account — is that he's developed into the best NFL prospect in the country.

A junior who has not said if this season will be his last at Southern California, Bush already has some fans NFL fans rooting for their downtrodden teams to lose and improve their draft position.

"I think he's the No. 1 pick in the entire draft," said Mike Mayock, a former NFL defensive back and college coach who is now the NFL Network's draft guru. "You beg, borrow, and steal to get guys with that kind of ability, so you can have a one-play, 80-yard drive, instead of a 16-play, 80-yard drive."

As expected, Bush is playing it cool on the NFL, keeping the focus on USC's run for a possible third-straight national championship and leaving his options open.

His college career has been a steady ascension to superstar status.

As a freshman, he carried the ball 90 times for 521 yards, caught 15 passes for 314 yards, returned kickoffs at a 27-yard average, and scored eight touchdowns.

Last season, he finished fifth in the Heisman voting with 908 yards rushing, 509 receiving, and 15 touchdowns. He averaged 179 all-purpose yards per game, fifth best in the nation, and even threw a touchdown pass.

This season his numbers have jumped to 1,398 yards rushing, an astounding 8.6 yards per carry, and 212 all-purpose yards per game, tops in the nation.

"In my position, he's been the best college football player in

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— Mike Mayock, a former NFL defensive back and college coach

the country for three years," Mayock said.

The one question about Bush, as far as his NFL future is concerned, is his size. He is listed at 6 feet and 200 pounds. He said he added about 5 pounds of muscle before this season to get up over 200 and become a more effective runner between the tackles.

"When you saw him [before this season], he doesn't look like an every-down back," said Gil Brandt, the former Dallas Cowboys personnel director under Tom Landry. "He was a slimmer-type of a back."

Brandt said Bush reminds him of Tony Dorsett, whom Brandt drafted second overall out of Pittsburgh in 1977.

"There was a lot of question whether Dorsett had the ability to play all the time. He was never hurt. Those backs are so good at avoiding tackles that they don't get hurt."

Bush has blazing speed, soft hands, and is comfortable splitting out like a wide receiver. In fact, when the Trojans were breaking in a new receiving corps at the beginning of the 2004 season, Bush was their most reliable wideout for a while.

But it's those videogame-like moves that make him special.

"His ability to get to full speed so quickly and change directions at full speed, that's what separates him from anybody I've seen," Mayock said.

Bush's seminal performance came two weeks ago when he piled up 513 all-purpose yards in a 50-42 win over Fresno State. Slashing and darting and stopping and starting, Bush made a year's worth of highlight-reel plays in that one game.

"He has the smoothness of Gale Sayers and the vision and

cutting ability of Barry Sanders," Emmitt Smith, the NFL's career rushing, said on the NFL Network, after Bush blew through Fresno State.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis made the Faulk comparison with Bush after Bush ran for 160 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries in USC's 34-31 victory in October.

Bush grew up outside San Diego, watching Faulk play at San Diego State.

Faulk was drafted second overall by the Colts in 1994 and became an NFL MVP with the St. Louis Rams. Faulk's versatility made him almost unstoppable in the Rams' high-powered offense.

"I see [Bush] as a cross between Brian Westbrook of the Eagles ... and Marshall Faulk in his heyday with the Rams," Mayock said, acknowledging a team might have to get creative to get the most out of Bush.

"If you want to put him behind the fullback in the I and run him 20-25 times, I don't think he's that guy," he said. "The whole key is matchups, and you want to get this kid the ball in space with his ability to make people miss."

"I think he'll have the highest draft rating in recent history."

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SPORTS

Special, but still 2nd

BY EDDIE PELLIS
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DENVER — This season is shaping up as a special one for the Denver Broncos. Still, there is something disconcerting about that 9-2 record and Denver's post-season prospects.

The elephant sitting in the middle of the Denver locker room — the subject everyone knows is there but very few want to deal with — is the undefeated Indianapolis Colts.

You know, the Colts? The team that has plastered Denver in the playoffs the last two years by a combined score of 90-34.

You know, Indianapolis? The city that coach Mike Shanahan said was imperative to avoid in the playoffs, if Denver is ever going to get back to the Super Bowl.

There they are, two games ahead and showing no signs of slowing. Barring a drastic change, and if form holds, all signs point to another rematch with the Colts in Indy.

This time, though, it would be in the AFC title

game instead of the first round of the playoffs.

"They're undefeated. They're in our conference. So, I guess you have to look at them," Broncos running back Ron Dayne said. "But it's not like we spend any time worrying about it. We've got to worry about our own stuff."

That, by and large, is the company line among the Broncos. Predictably, they talk about taking them one at a time and worrying about next week, not the playoffs.

For the most part, that strategy has worked. At 9-2, the Broncos have so far avoided the midseason slump, the likes of which have plagued the franchise the last few years. They have a two-game lead over San Diego and Kansas City in the AFC West, with a game at Kansas City coming Dec. 4.

Denver has positioned itself well to earn the division title, a home playoff game, and a bye week. All would be monumental. The Broncos haven't earned any of those since 1998, the year

they won their second Super Bowl. That Super Bowl still stands as their last playoff win.

Despite all that promising news, the Broncos know if the season ended today, they would be a second seed, and the Colts would be No. 1.

It would mean another week of preparing for Peyton Manning. On the turf in Indy.

Sure, the Broncos have reason to believe they've improved over the last two years, when they gave up a combined 934 yards passing in a pair of embarrassments. The pass rush has improved with the addition of Courtney Brown and Gerard Warren — among others — and the return to health of Trevor Pryce. Rookie cornerbacks Darrent Williams and Domonique Foxworth have strengthened a position that got rocked in Indy last year, despite the addition of Champ Bailey.

Jake Plummer is playing better. Mike Anderson, Tatum Bell, and Dayne are a formidable running back trio.

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— GOP strategist Dave Gilliard, after California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed a longtime Democratic activist as his chief of staff.

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- **Career Services Expo Activation Session**, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center
- **"Sounds of Joy and Healing," Wayne Neuzil and Richard Harmon**, noon, UIHC Colton Atrium
- **College of Pharmacy Senior Help Session, Medicare Part D**, 1:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn; to register, phone 356-5200
- **New Horizons Orchestra**, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **"The Dreaded Perfective Prefixes in Russian (and other Slavic languages): A Western perspective," Elena Gavru-seva and Roumyana Slabakova**, 4 p.m., Schaeffer Hall third floor
- **Careers for Change Speaker Series, "From Local Farms to Local Families: Fighting Hunger in Iowa City," Laura Dowd**, 5 p.m., 340 Blank Honors Center
- **M.B.A. for Professionals, information reception**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., C425 Pomerantz Center
- **Global Queer Cinema Film Screenings, Southern Comfort**, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- **Israeli Film Series, Clean Sweep**, 7 p.m., Hillel, 122 E. Market
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," David Albahari, fiction**, 7 p.m., 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI
- **The World**, 7 p.m., Bijou
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- **Campus Activities Board Event, comedian Isaac Witty**, 9 p.m., IMU Wheelroom
- **Dave Zollo**, 9 p.m., Martinis, 127 E. College
- **Euforquestra and Spare Parts**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **The Frogs, Kickass Tarantulas, Miracles of God and Eastside Guys**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **El Crimen Perfecto**, 9:45 p.m., Bijou
- **Hairline Fracture**, 10 p.m., Q Bar, 211 Iowa

horoscopes Thursday, December 1, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today is the day to get out and have fun. Make plans, and don't spare any expense. Meeting people will lead to interesting conversations and inspiring new ideas. Make a personal change that will improve your daily attitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't lend or borrow or buy into someone's sob story. Get-rich-quick schemes will not pan out the way you expect. Someone is likely to try to collect an old debt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't count on anyone for help — you will fret less and get more done. A challenge will remind you how capable you are. You should come out on top financially and emotionally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may wonder a bit today, especially if you have concerns about a loved one. Concentrate on what needs to be done. What you accomplish today will determine what the people around you feel you are capable of doing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is not the time to let other people decide things that might affect your future. Entertain whoever you need on your side in order to further your position.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partnerships are unstable, and it may be necessary to stop seeing someone who has been making your life difficult. Protect yourself first. A love interest looks very interesting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is a day to enforce some rules, regulations, or changes at a personal level. You will have the upper hand and can win the support of anyone who counts. Social events will help enhance your public profile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't farm out work you should be doing yourself. Break what you need to do into sections, stick to your budget, and get things done properly. A little fame will generate interest in your work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everyone will understand you today. Be explicit in your definition. Once you clarify your position, it will be easy to get things underway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can charm your way into anyone's heart today. A short trip will enable you to finalize something that's been left dangling. Refuse to disagree with anyone who tries to upset you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be afraid to make a change or to go in a different direction. Take the road you know will teach you the most along the way. It's time to show everyone how proficient you can be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): For every step you take forward, you can expect someone to push you back. Watch out for people trying to outdo you or make you look bad. If you make a promise, be sure to follow through.

happy birthday to ...

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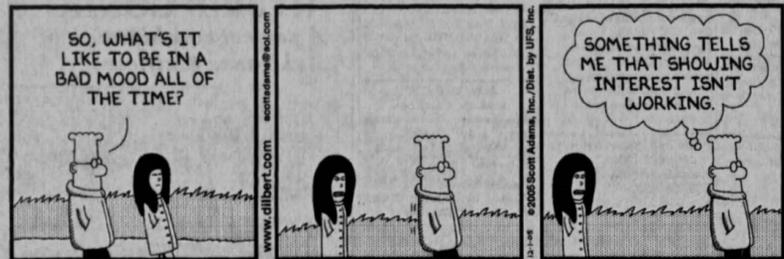
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- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
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- Noon Ped Mall Break Dancing
- 1:15 p.m. Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa
- 1:30 On Main St.
- 2 Glory 2 Glory
- 2:30 Give Me An Answer
- 3 Breaking the Mold: Advocates Speak Out
- 4 The Unity Center
- 5 Tabernacle Baptist Church
- 6 Seed of Faith
- 7 Grace Community Church
- 8 Revival in Oxford
- 9 Tonight with Bradman Live
- 10 Redd @ Ego's
- 10:45 Marah Mar
- 10:55 Painful Grey
- 11 The Sports Stop: Early Edition
- 11:30 The Generic Sports Show (replay)
- 12:30 a.m. Naked

UITV schedule

- 3 p.m. "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Garnett Rogers
- 4 Workers' Movements and Imperialism: The Changing World of the Twentieth Century
- 5:30 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 6, An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature
- 6:30 Iowa Women's Basketball Coach Lisa Bluder's Weekly Meeting with the News Media
- 7 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Garnett Rogers
- 8 Workers' Movements and Imperialism: The Changing World of the Twentieth Century
- 9:30 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 6 - An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature
- 10 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
- 10:30 DITV News, *The Daily Iowan* Daily News Update
- 10:40 Iowa Women's Basketball Coach Lisa Bluder's Weekly Meeting with the News Media
- 11 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Garnett Rogers

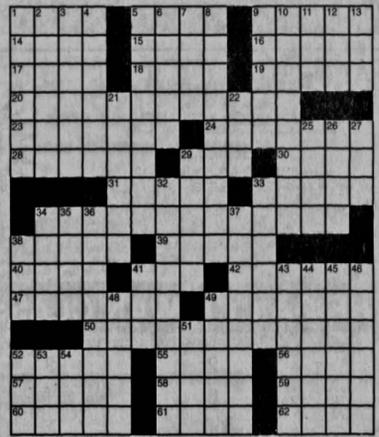
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- 1 Pixels
 - 5 Jaguars, e.g.
 - 9 1942 movie with the song "Love is a Song"
 - 14 Setting for "The Plague"
 - 15 Popular cookie
 - 16 Each
 - 17 Slayer of Ravana in Hindu myth
 - 18 ___ ball
 - 19 Aches
 - 20 "Star Trek" genre
 - 23 Refers (to)
 - 24 Herald reader
 - 28 Private line?
 - 29 Bottom line
 - 30 "But ___ was ambitious, I slew him": Brutus
 - 31 Literary oceans
 - 33 Swinger's opportunity
 - 34 Turntable, speakers, etc.
 - 38 Lightly maul
 - 39 "I've had enough!"
 - 40 Slang expert Partridge
 - 41 Hoosier cabinet wood
 - 42 Lie alongside of
 - 47 All-purpose
 - 49 One way to win
 - 50 Places to get online without plugging in
 - 52 Finger ___
 - 55 Tribe associated with the Seven Cities of Cibola
 - 56 "That'll be the day!"
 - 57 Zippy
- DOWN**
- 1 Quai ___ (French foreign office locale)
 - 2 Magic 8 Ball, e.g.
 - 3 Many Sri Lankans
 - 4 Mix-ups
 - 5 Degree recipient
 - 6 Sectors
 - 7 Coastal predator
 - 8 Romantic notes
 - 9 Raft material
 - 10 Marine greeting
 - 11 Door sign
 - 12 Snare
 - 13 Tags
 - 21 "Hurray for me!"
 - 22 Marksman's skill
 - 25 Bibliophile's citation, for short
 - 26 At the drop of ___
 - 27 Bottom line
 - 29 Precious mettle?
 - 32 Pistol, in slang
 - 33 Early zoology topic



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- 35 Victor's cry
- 36 Turn toward sunset
- 37 Break for games
- 38 Dowel
- 41 Ox
- 43 Get up after a multiplayer football tackle
- 44 "Aww"
- 45 Largest city on Belgium's coast
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- 48 Unsafe
- 49 Faux pas
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Life as a CABARET



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BY LOUIS VIRTEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Carole King and Bertolt Brecht never had the chance to perform as a duet, but their timeless talents make up Riverside Theatre's Riverside Cabaret: 25 Years of Musical Theatre and Big Drama. The revue, running Friday through Dec. 4 in the Englert Theatre, highlights the most scintillating music from the company's repertoire, shirking onstage spectacle for the simplicity of musical classics.

Performed with a sleek, 7-foot grand piano, *Riverside Cabaret* serves as a history lesson for newcomers to Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St. Co-artistic directors Ron Clark and Jody Hovland, along with director Michael Sokoloff, culled 20 songs from 25 years of past productions. Opening with an oddly guttural, German version of "Mack the Knife," a cut from Riverside's 1984 production of George Tabori's *Brecht on Brecht*, the show morphs into hilarity, energy, and classicism all in the same song.

"It's just thrilling," Clark said. "It's these great, great songs and top-notch performers. And the ending is killer."

Riverside Cabaret features three male and three female performers, including Kristen Behrendt, a former Broadway chanteuse in *Les Misérables* and one-time "Sex and the City" guest. The performers' songs segue together through short narrations by Clark, who offers a chronological perspective on Riverside's past.

Sokoloff, who originally directed *Brecht on Brecht*, has also directed *A, My Name is Alice*, *Tapestry: The Music of Carole King*, and *Blood Brothers*, three plays all represented in the cabaret.

"Like most productions, my job as a director is to pull the team together," he said. "But with this production, I also had to create the shape of the piece. I had to create a physical world to support the piece, where there was really no narrative."

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WHAT'S GOIN' ON



Amber Swenson (right) poses during a break from performing a comical country-western song as pianist and musical director Jennifer McVay (left) and Ruth Baldwin (center) play during a rehearsal for *Riverside Cabaret: 25 Years of Musical Theatre and Big Drama* at the Englert Theatre on Tuesday night. The performance, directed by Michael Sokoloff, is a collection of some of the best pieces performed at Riverside Theatre over the past 25 years.

THURSDAY 12.1

MUSIC

- Groovatron and Alan Vasquez, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Mike Anichini, Andre Perry, and Jason Lewis, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Race To The Bottom, Imaginary Enemies, and Cruder & Dorkmeister, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

WORDS

- "Live from Prairie Lights," David Albahari, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI

LECTURES

- "Dreaded Perfective Prefixes in Russian (and other Slavic languages): A Western Perspective," Elena Gavrusheva and Roumyana Slabakova, 4 p.m., Schaeffer Hall third floor
- Artist Jane Hammond speaks about her work, 8 p.m., E109 Art Building

THEATER

- *Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge*, University Theatres Second Stage Series, "So Who Wears the Boobs In this Family?," and "Alladine and Palomides," 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B

MISC.

- Country Dance with the Iowa City Country Dancers, 7-10 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 223 Highway 1 W.
- Global Queer Cinema Film Series, *Southern Comfort*, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- Israeli Film Series, *Clean Sweep*, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market
- Graduate Concert, UI dance department, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- Issac Witty, comedian, 9 p.m., IMU Wheelroom

FRIDAY 12.2

MUSIC

- New Horizons Orchestra, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Newman Singers Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson
- Open Mike, 8 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert
- Dave Zollo, 9 p.m., Martinis, 127 E. College
- Euforquestra and Spare Parts, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- The Frogs, Kickass Tarantulas, Miracles of God and Eastside Guys, 9 p.m., Mill
- Hairline Fracture, 10 p.m., Q Bar, 211 Iowa

Words

- "A Celebration of Kenneth Koch," reading, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque

LECTURES

- "Finding God at Iowa," John Reitz, noon, IMU River Room 1

THEATER

- *Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge*, Second Stage Series, "So Who Wears the Boobs In this Family?," and "Alladine and Palomides," 8 p.m., Theatre Building
- *Mrs. Bob Cratchet's Wild Christmas Binge*, 8 p.m., Arnold's Studio Theatre, 213 E. 10th St., Coralville
- *Riverside Cabaret: 25 Years of Musical Theatre and Big Drama*, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m., Theatre Building

MISC.

- Book Sale, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Holiday Dance Party with D. Anthony Big Band, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge
- Graduate Concert, dance department, 8 p.m., Space/Place

SATURDAY 12.3

MUSIC

- Iowa Percussion, with guest artist Johnny Rabb, 3 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- Michael Tabors Band, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall
- Newman Singers Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., Newman Center
- Dennis McMurrin and the Demolition Band, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- Human Aftertaste CD release party with Wisteria Losenge, Quatre Tet, and Screamin' Cyn Cyn and the Pons, 9 p.m., Gabe's
- Pieta Brown and Bo Ramsey, 9 p.m., Mill
- Johnny Rabb, with Dan Moore and Steve Grismore, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m., 405 S. Gilbert
- Stable Daze, 10 p.m., Q Bar

THEATER

- *Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge*, Second Stage Series, "So Who Wears the Boobs In this Family?," and "Alladine and Palomides," 8 p.m., Theatre Building
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MISC.

- Book Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Coralville Public Library
- Holiday Thieves' Art Market, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Old Capitol Town Center
- Mexican Holiday Fiesta, noon-4 p.m., UI Museum of Art
- International Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market
- Night Games, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., 462 Field House

SUNDAY 12.4

MUSIC

- Newman Singers Holiday Concert, 1:30 p.m., Newman Center
- Philharmonia and All-University String Orchestra Concert, 3 p.m., Clapp
- From First to Last, Haste the Day, He Is Legend, and Dead & Reckless, 6 p.m., Gabe's
- Blues Jam, 8 p.m., Yacht Club
- Center for New Music Concert, featuring guest pianist Patricia von Blumroeder, 8 p.m., Clapp

THEATER

- Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Company, 2 p.m., Hancher Auditorium
- *Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge*, Second Stage Series, "So Who Wears the Boobs In this Family?," and "Alladine and Palomides," 2 p.m., Theatre Building
- *Riverside Cabaret: 25 Years of Musical Theatre and Big Drama*, 2 p.m., Englert
- *Mrs. Bob Cratchet's Wild Christmas Binge*, 2:30 p.m., Arnold's Studio Theatre
- "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Mahagony," 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building

MISC.

- Holiday Thieves' Art Market, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Old Capitol Town Center
- Sunday Night Pub Quiz, 9 p.m., Mill



WEB GOODIES

MP3s

- From The Nadas' *Listen Through the Static*. "Listen Through the Static." "The Deal." "Templeton Rye." and "Lullaby"

PHOTOS

- *DI* photographer Ben Roberts' photo page of UI dance concert rehearsal

MONDAY 12.5

MUSIC

- Cedar Rapids Brass Chamber Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Englert
- Open Mike with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill

WORDS

- "Live from Prairie Lights," Michael Gartner, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books and WSUI

MISC.

- Holiday Wine Tasting, 6:30 p.m., Devotay, 117 N. Linn

TUESDAY 12.6

MUSIC

- Calico System, Chiodos, Torch the Morgue, and Spirit of the Stairway, 6 p.m., Gabe's
- Benjamin Coelho and Alan Huckleberry, bassoon and piano recital, 8 p.m., Clapp
- Helen Stellar, Manixl, and My Electric Heart, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

LECTURES

- "Sick and Poor in Cedar County, Iowa, 1860s to 1880s," Marilyn Olson, 5:30 p.m., 401 Hardin Library

MISC.

- Fisheye Improv Comedy Group, 9 p.m., Mill

WEDNESDAY 12.7

MUSIC

- Milemarker, Lords Humans, and Saviors, 6 p.m., Gabe's
- Burlington St. Bluegrass Band, 7 p.m., Mill
- University and Concert Band, 8 p.m., Clapp
- Jam Band Night, 10 p.m., Yacht Club

WORDS

- Poetry Slam, 10 p.m., Mill

MISC.

- Dave Attell and Pauly Shore, 8 p.m., Hancher

NEW MOVIES

NEW MOVIES

- *El Crimen Perfecto Bijou*: 9:45 p.m. today, Monday, and Wednesday; 7 p.m. Friday and Tuesday; 5 p.m. Saturday; 7:45 p.m. Sunday

Admission: \$5

In this black comedy, Rafael is a suave ladies' man and the top salesman in the women's section of a Madrid department store. Rafael dreams of becoming the floor manager, but his world is shattered when Don Antonio from menswear is awarded the position instead. When Don Antonio turns up missing, Rafael is the most likely suspect. Lourdes, the homeliest sales assistant on the floor, has witnessed Rafael's involvement in Don Antonio's disappearance, and she uses her knowledge to blackmail Rafael into giving up his womanizing lifestyle. Rafael must suffer Lourdes' rapacious sexual appetite, a coerced meeting with her eccentric family, and, ultimately, a very public wedding. Trapped in a nauseating, claustrophobic marriage, Rafael concludes that murder may be his only escape.

The World Bijou: 7 p.m. today, Monday, and Wednesday; 9:15 p.m. Friday and Tuesday; 7:15 p.m. Saturday; 5 p.m. Sunday

Admission: \$5

The film follows the young, bored employees of World Park — a real-life Beijing theme park with scaled-down replicas of major landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, the Pyramids, the Taj Mahal, and even the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center — as they labor, carouse, fall in love, and struggle in various ways with extravagant illusions and alienation, complete with lavish musical numbers and animated segments to boot.

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Kristin Behrendt rehearsal for *Riverside Drama* on Tuesday performed today

CABARET

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Notable pieces in the two-hour show include "Love You, You're Change, Jacques and Well and Lullaby" and "Sweet and Home of Harold Arlen, a man who penned "Over the Rainy King's legacy husband and partner Gerry provides glorious moments, with songs as "The Locomotive Away Little Girl" to King's landmark Tapestry.

The vivacious musical history of the holiday season songs from *Not a Della*, a musical Henry's *The Gift* also make the cut. The gap between music past and the Wall 2005.

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A Riverside retrospective after 25 years



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Kristen Behrendt and Amber Awenson belt out tunes during a rehearsal for *Riverside Cabaret: 25 Years of Musical Theatre and Big Drama* on Tuesday evening in the Englert Theatre. The revue will be performed today through Dec. 4, at the Englert.

CABARET

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Notable pieces referenced in the two-hour show include *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, and *Sweet and Hot: The Music of Harold Arlen*, a tribute to the man who penned the classic "Over the Rainbow." Carole King's legacy with former husband and songwriting partner Gerry Goffin also provides glorious onstage moments, with such treasures as "The Locomotion" and "Go Away Little Girl" — songs prior to King's landmark 1971 album *Tapestry*.

The vivacious mishmash of musical history won't neglect the holiday season, either. Two songs from *Nothing for My Della*, a musical revamp of O. Henry's *The Gift of the Magi*, also make the cut, bridging the gap between musical-theater past and the Wal-Mart rush of 2005.

Riverside Cabaret arrives during the company's 25th season, and, subsequently, the revue commemorates a generation of rehearsals filled with triumphs, inspirations, meltdowns, and poignant moments that have compelled directors to tears.

Brecht on Brecht, in its original Riverside run, featured a heady juxtaposition of Brecht's essays and biographical information about the innovative playwright. *Brecht's* most defiant achievement remains the portrayal of the dramatist as he was interrogated by the House Un-American Activities Committee in November 1947 and eventually not cited for contempt amid the long list of popular figures named as communists. The historical anomaly afforded Sokoloff the opportunity to convey his admiration for the wordsmith. During the production's preliminary stages, Sokoloff overhauled the script's abbreviated version of Brecht's court plea and substituted it for the exact 1947 petition in its entirety.

"I just found the stuff so interesting," Sokoloff said. "Brecht's manipulation of the people was so powerful ... and

nothing was really stopping me from adding more material."

Sokoloff also directed the 1985-86 season's *Riverside Revival*, a throwback to vaudevillian days of double entendre and rigorous showmanship. The play, unreferenced in the upcoming cabaret, boasted a drag performance by Clark as one of jazz's most fiery pioneers, Bessie Smith. Decked in a feather boa and grandiose turban, Clark belted "Gimme a Pigfoot (and a Bottle of Beer)" as the backwater blues played. Sokoloff can only speculate why Clark retired his "famous" impersonation.

"I guess he just felt his falsetto had flown the coop," Sokoloff said.

The opening of Riverside's Gilbert Street theater in 1990 saw the production of *A... My Name is Alice*. Though the production space was gutted during early rehearsals and carpet still needed installation, Clark piloted the feminist revue with Hovland. In the midst of a sweltering August, Clark and Hovland requested that the five starring female performers disregard the scattered construction and perform the score of the show from memory with the accompaniment of an old, donated upright piano. The occasion resonates for Clark as one of the most memorable moments in his Riverside career.

"As soon as they were into the first verse, I was almost in tears," he said. "I ran out to the lobby to get Jody, who was painting a wall; she was up on a ladder 10 feet in the air and crying too. It was an unforgettable moment that marked the real inauguration of that space as a real theater."

Hovland remembers the 2001 season's *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* with accomplishment and pride. During production, the terrorist attacks of 9/11 occurred, making the cast and crew wonder about the value of live performances. As director of *I Love You*, Hovland, along with her uncertain crew, decided to continue the madcap musical comedy. When the curtain closed, Hovland was disarmed by thankful patrons about the need for shows depicting zany romantic entanglements.



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A performer emerges out of the shadows during Tuesday night's dress rehearsal for *Riverside Cabaret: 25 Years of Musical Theatre and Big Drama*.

"People needed gathering places, and the theater provided one of those," she said. "A place where people could talk together in the lobby and then sit shoulder to shoulder together in the theater for a couple of hours. We were reminded of the importance of theater as a place that invites and creates community."

Four years later, *Riverside Cabaret: 25 Years of Musical Theatre and Big Drama* illuminates that significance, emphasizing the need for examination of the human condition and its often humorous, touching intricacies. And the locomotion, too, while they're at it.

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College rock favorite the Nadas will perform today at the Q Bar.

BY TONY A. SOLANO
THE DAILY IOWAN

In 2004, *Playboy* labeled the Nadas "The Best College Rock Band." Riding this recognition and the release of its latest album, *Listen Through the Static*, there's only one small problem: The members of the group graduated college nearly 10 years ago.

Performing today at 10 p.m. at the Q Bar, 211 Iowa Ave., the Nadas has yet to take the important step of being signed by a major label, despite sporting a successful 12-year nationwide touring schedule and seven independent albums, which have sold over 75,000 copies.

After spending time and energy shopping past albums to major labels, lead singer and guitarist Mike Butterworth said he's still eager to be signed but is content to ride the band's current independent success and let the labels come to him.

Listen Through the Static, released in September, shows a level of maturity achieved by seasoned songwriters. Butterworth shared the songwriting duties with fellow band founder Jason Walsmith. Butterworth

said that on *Static*, they managed to create a focused, cohesive combination of country, rock, and folk, whereas past albums were a schizophrenic mix of those genres.

Static was released through the band's own label, Authentic Records, and it is a defining album for the Des Moines natives. It proves the group has perfected its style seamlessly throughout the album.

"Templeton Rye" is carried by a head-bobbing country bass beat, and Walsmith's lyrics saturate the listener with a farmer's perspective of the Great Depression as he searches to quench his dry mouth with a cup of Templeton Rye.

Butterworth delves into the depths of his emotions throughout the album, a trend that comes through strongest in "The Deal" — a tormented ballad about uncovering the truth about an unfaithful lover. "Lullaby" satisfies similar tastes; Butterworth finds reassurance in his love through singing a lullaby, then dynamically riffs the electric guitar near the end of the song to accompany a newfound determination in his love: "I'm never going back / I can't see it any other way / Any other way but you and me."

In addition to the highly polished interior of the album, *Static* begins strongly with two radio-ready songs, "Listen Through the Static" and "The Worst Place I've Been." Both sound like an O.A.R. song covered by Blues Traveler's John Popper but then morph into Wallflowers-esque pop refrains.

"Listen Through the Static," the album's title track, lashes out against the corruption of commercial radio: "I can't find / A frequency to clear my mind / Bought and paid for every hour on the hour." In a twist, the song is the first Nadas tune to be played on the Des Moines adult-contemporary station KSTZ-FM Star 102.5.

The band's radio success in Des Moines prompted Butterworth to send samples to 200 stations across the nation, and the Nadas continues to find its own ways to succeed — while waiting for major labels to take notice.

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NO MORE FROG JOKES

BY CHARLIE MORAN
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When Smashing Pumpkins keyboardist Jonathan Melvoin died from a lethal mixture of heroin and alcohol in 1996, the band hired friend Dennis Flemon to fill in for the Melon Collie and the Infinite Sadness Tour. Nary a passing glance from the media, soon such "MTV News" anchors as Tabitha Soren were regularly dropping mention of Flemon and his brother Jimmy's "joke band," the Frogs, between Tupac and Gin Blossoms videos.

But the buzz-bin band fizzled. Even with appearances on Pumpkins and Pearl Jam albums, the Milwaukee band never got a chance to share the commercial success that its peers enjoyed in the '90s. Currently on the band's Myspace.com page, a photo of the Flemon brothers posing with Kurt Cobain serves as a tragic reminder of the influence they once held with the past icons of alternative rock and the recognition that never followed.

Partly to blame for the Frogs' lack of commercial success, many record labels have been loathe to release many of the group's albums. *Racially Yours*, with two-dozen folk- and grunge-rock songs bluntly narrating from the perspectives of livid slaves and lurid slaveholders, took eight years before it was finally released in 2000.

Even with this album in limbo, the Frogs gained some fame through the rough, raunchy music it recorded in the late '80s as the "Made-up Songs." With little more than lazy acoustic guitar strumming and the crackling voices of the Flemon brothers singing like senile sexual predators, these songs were rife with sexual innuendo and crude jokes about anal sex and dead goats.

The "Made-up Songs" provided such a glut of material that it fed the band's 1989 album, *It's Only Right and Natural* and the 1996 *My Daughter the Broad*.

Now 25 years and six albums after they first began, the Flemon brothers are each pushing 50 but have managed to outlast most of their peers. Without any delusions of "TRL" grandeur, the band members rarely speak to the press; they did not respond to interview requests in time for this story.

The Frogs have never hired a manager and no longer have an official website. Instead, Chris Newman, a 28-year-old computer-systems administrator from Albany, N.Y., has become the band's unofficial press secretary. Newman owns and runs thefrogsarchive.com, an extensive repository of information to which the band regularly contributes corrections to lyrics and gig updates.

"I believe that they have settled down and have private lives now that they don't want to make public," the ad-hoc press man said by e-mail. "Being a



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Folk/garage/rock band the Frogs will perform Friday at the Mill.

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small band as it is, it can achieve this without too much hassle."

To most visitors of the Frogs' unofficial home, they are not a "joke band" that exists only to spit on the delicate sensibilities of the un-hip.

"I don't think there is any shock value to [the brothers'] music," Newman said. "They sing about very complex things in sometimes silly, sometimes serious manners."

In Frogs songs such as "You're a Nigger Homosexual" or "Homos," in which taboo words are given an ironic treatment — (the former is a sensual ode to a lover; the latter is a tender admission of homosexuality to one's mother) — there is often a more intricate relationship between forbidden words and the contexts with which they are used.

"The fact that someone out there is using [racial and sexual epithets] without the terrible meaning shows me that the Frogs, as people, are actually pretty sensitive to what it's like to be in someone else's shoes," Newman said.

With the band's most recent album, the 2001 Billy Corgan-produced *Hopscootch Lollipop Sunday Surprise*, the group

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toned down the vulgarity to make a solidly produced and performed psych-rock album. Now, the members are reportedly hard at work on a follow-up that will be a sparser, more spiritual affair, à la Neil Young's *Harvest Moon*.

Newman was mum on details of this venture, but he did admit that the brothers might be softening up these days in an effort to regain some lost credibility.

"They have been viewed as a 'joke' band for so many years," he said. "I just think they are trying to show the fans who they actually are."

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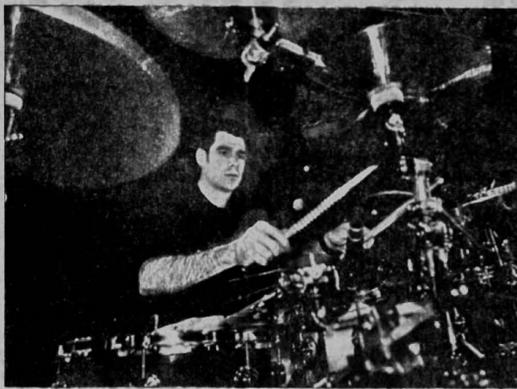
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Albums sold. Weeks in the top 10. Fans attending a concert.

Setting Guinness Book records, the unconventional, in-through-the-back-door road to the music industry helped Johnny Rabb arrive at professional success. The Nashville drummer can count his success by the drum stroke — 1,071 in 60 seconds, to be exact, a feat that earned him the title "World's Fastest Drummer" in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Rabb will perform Saturday at 3 p.m. in Clapp Recital Hall as a guest artist in the School of Music's percussion concert. Later, he will join two faculty members from the UI School of Music, Dan Moore, the head of the percussion area, and Steve Grismore, a jazz-studies adjunct assistant professor, for a 9:30 p.m. show at the Sanctuary Restaurant & Pub, 405 S. Gilbert St.

With his exceptional speed, Rabb executes rhythmic combinations that other musicians cannot. Many pop musicians program drum machines for their songs' percussive backbone, but Rabb produces these complicated punches in live performances with his band, the



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Johnny Rabb drummed 1,071 beats in a minute for the record.

Super Action Heroes. The quartet's beats, drawn from techno and its offspring, jungle drum and bass music, achieve further rhythms with an overlay of mellow, repetitive rap lyrics.

"Sometimes that [title] implies that all he can do is play fast," Ginny Armstrong said, a UI percussion teaching assistant. "You can play really fast, but how do you apply it?"

Though he's made his name speed drumming, Rabb earned

this acclaim only incidentally, when Boo McAfee, a co-owner of the Nashville Percussion Institute, and Craig Allen created the Drumometer, a device that electronically records drum strokes.

"When we first started, we were using it for education," said Armstrong, a former co-owner of the institute. "The whole idea is that if you play with proper technique, you can play faster. But we found ourselves sitting around, seeing who could play

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the fastest. It turned into a friendly competition, and then one day, Johnny came in and just blew us all away."

The institute decided to sponsor the first "World's Fastest Drummer" competition in 2000, which Rabb won easily. The Guinness Book of World's Records committee showed interest, and Rabb defended his title at the "Guinness World Records Experience," shown on VH-1's "Rock 'n' Roll Record Breakers."

But Rabb's title, while generating publicity, can work to reduce him to just that: a record, not a musician.

"Johnny may not like it that his 'record' is used to help promote his appearances, but the reality is that the catch phrase will get people in the seats,"

Moore said. "When they see what a great musician he is, they will forget about the hype."

Hype aside, the 33-year-old's list of accomplishments extends far beyond his wrist-numbing thumping. The musician has invented a drumstick called the "Rhythm Saw," which combines the ridged guiro and a traditional drumstick to allow drummers a greater sound range, has started his own company, JohnnyRabb Drumstick Co., has written a prize-winning drum-education book, *Jungle/Drum 'n' Bass for the Acoustic Drum Set* (2003), designed a Signature

Series of cymbals for the MEINL Cymbal Co., "The Rabb Pack," and toured with such country-music stars as Deana Carter and Tanya Tucker.

Moore says Nashville night clubs boast some of the best jazz musicians he knows, though the city is internationally regarded as a country superstar-producing hotbed.

"Nashville is a strange place," Moore said. "It's a place where a jungle drummer, such as Rabb, can play with Hank Williams Jr."

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DANCING THE CHAOS

BY ALI GOWANS
THE DAILY IOWAN

A woman in a little red dress with a leopard-print belt sips at a plastic wine glass, while her friends dip into a Whitey's ice-cream container and obsess over a bar of dark chocolate. Another woman in comfortably loose red pajama pants pulls out a cigarette and looks to her friends for a light, as the soulful vocals of Norah Jones croon into the air above the stage. At a rehearsal for this weekend's Graduate/Undergraduate Concert, this was feminine decadence danced.

Clad all in lipstick red and velvety black, the dancers twirled and writhed across the stage to a succession of jazzy pieces. Choreographer Jenna Riegel, a graduate student studying dance performance, wanted the piece, titled "Jonesing," to convey an image of women not as angelic or perfectly put together but rather, perhaps, in their more natural state.

"The new 'Sex in the City,' *Bridget Jones* picture fits into it," she said. "It's that pop-culture look at women right now — that they're sexy, but they're also sort of a mess."

Riegel is one of nine student choreographers who will present a piece in the North Hall Space/Place concert. Tickets for the 8 p.m. shows, which run today through Saturday, are \$12 for the general public, \$6 for students, and free for children under 12.



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Dancer and choreographer Nicole Hussain maneuvers to the rhythm of percussionist Adam Morford during a dress rehearsal of "Twisted Platform" in Space/Place on Tuesday afternoon.

"Sort of a mess" is a phrase that might describe the process of presenting a piece in the concert. Maybe hurried chaos would fit better. Though most choreographers have worked on their pieces throughout the semester, they didn't know whether their work would make it to the stage until Nov. 18, the day before the UI's Thanksgiving break. More than 20 students presented their pieces to a panel of dance-department faculty in an audition that required weeks of preparation.

Returning from break, those who made the list had less than

a week to polish their pieces for a live audience, working with lights, finding costumes, and perfecting elements, such as musical editing.

"It's difficult, because we just found out before we left," Riegel said. "We got back, and we're right into tech week. There's a lot to do." Both Riegel and dance Assistant Professor Deanna Carter recognized the sharp disparity of this production from the recent *Dance Gala*.

"It's quite a different venue from our recent *Dance Gala*," Carter said. "We are going to

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show the diversity and the range of new voices we have making dances."

Those whose work didn't make the concert's cut still benefited from the chance to hear constructive criticism.

"It gave them a chance to talk to us about their pieces," Carter said. "We really want to encourage new choreographers."

Such students are often just beginning to find their creative voices. Riegel said it was only in the last year that she really felt the call to choreograph.

"I felt the impetus to say something or make a comment on something," she said. "It's more of a need to create something that's my own movement and not someone else's."

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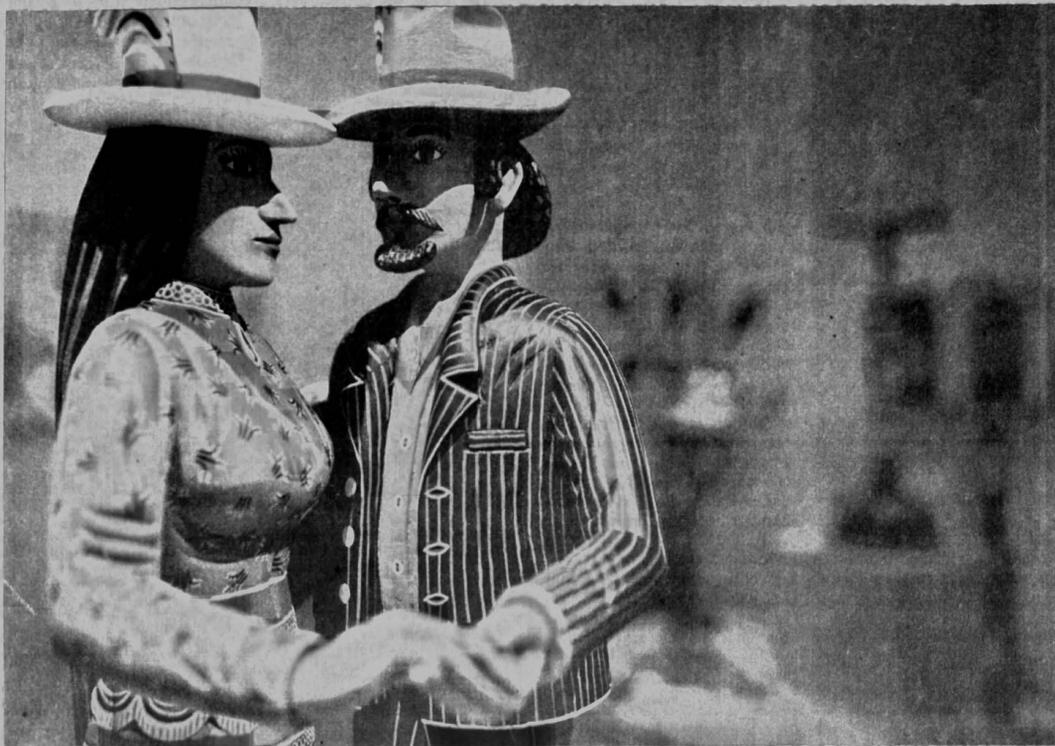
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With fine detail, Oaxacan wood carvers display their talent in this piece showing a couple dancing.

BY ANNA WIEGENSTEIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Some may contend that it's still too early to begin thinking of the upcoming winter holidays, even with this being Dec. 1. But the UI Museum of Art would appear to disagree. With its Mexican Holiday Fiesta this Saturday, it seems as though the museum plans to celebrate early.

Actually, while there will be all the trappings of a traditional Mexican party present, the bash lacks any real connection to Christmas or any other holiday, for that matter. The fiesta, which begins at noon and lasts until 4 p.m., coincides with the museum's ongoing exhibit *Crafting Tradition: Oaxacan Wood Carvings*, which remains on display at the museum through March 12, 2006.

"It's a beautiful exhibit, and it's a lot of fun to look at," said Dale Fisher, the director of education at the museum.

Saturday is planned as a family day for all ages, with a variety of activities planned, including interactive theater, puppetry, live music, and hands-on artistry. This billing of the exhibit as one accessible to a variety of ages is not at all surprising to Michael Chibnik, the chairman of the UI anthropology department and guest curator of the exhibit, given the colorful nature of the carvings.

"The pieces are always described as 'whimsical,'" he said, adding that the exhibit as a whole was "very unstuffy," making the art much more kid-friendly.

The *alebrijes*, Oaxacan carvings, are exceptionally full of color and, as Chibnik puts it, "almost toylike" in their appearance. The figures are handcrafted in three main villages in the Oaxaca region of Mexico: Arrazola, La Unión Tejalapan, and San Martín Tilcajete.

The latter is the home of guest artisans Epifanio Fuentes and Laurencia Santiago, who will make their only public appearance

at the fiesta since arriving earlier this week. The husband-and-wife team are among the most famous carvers and painters in Oaxaca, and they will demonstrate how a figure is created.

Fuentes is recognized for his use of color and recurring angel, animal, and *nacimiento* — or nativity — scene themes. He has previously appeared in a 1991 edition of *Smithsonian* magazine and in the book *Oaxacan Woodcarving: the Magic in the Trees*, by Shepard Barbash.

Chibnik brought Fuentes and Santiago to Iowa City, though the arrangement came as something of a surprise — he had originally traveled in an attempt to book their son, who, unlike his parents, speaks English. The couple, however, "made it clear that they were happy to come, so I was very glad to book them," Chibnik put it.

Chibnik has hosted the pair during their stay in the area, and he will accompany them to the fiesta. The artisans will also attend a members' night at the museum on Friday, in addition to visiting UI art and sculpture classes earlier in the week.

Among the more youth-oriented of the performers at the fiesta is the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company of West Liberty, which will go on at 3 p.m. The troupe plans to perform "World Tales," a collection of multicultural stories taking place in various locations around the world.

Also performing will be the Darwin T. Turner Action Theatre Company, a group described by UI President David Skorton in his address for the President's Award for State Outreach and Public Engagement as "[presenting] dynamic, thought-provoking interactive pieces of theater for social and cultural awareness in schools and communities throughout the state." The troupe has modified Mexican folk tales to feature an audience-participation slant that the group will retell, beginning at 2 p.m.



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Once used as toys and figures in Catholic churches, Oaxacan wood carvings such as this are now highly sought by private collectors and museums.

Eugenio Solis will provide the event's music, singing a variety of Mexican folk songs and accompanying himself on guitar. Students from the Preucil School of Music will add string arrangements.

Even with all the performances, Chibnik believes the exhibit alone is intriguing enough to hold one's interest.

"With this exhibit, you get to see an art form that bridges popular culture to fine art, in another culture," he said.

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