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CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

UI saves lab classes

BY SAM EDSILL

THE DAILY IOWAN

Faculty members in the UI Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program breathed a collective sigh of relief earlier this fall when university officials decided not to ax the program, but now they must turn to a new challenge — luring students back.

When UI officials discussed closing the yearlong program in 2004, prospective students were advised to transfer or switch majors. Now, with the recruiting season already underway and fewer applications than average, the faculty are concerned that the program will see a significant dip in students.

"For a lot of freshmen and sophomores, we've been telling them for the past year and a half they have to switch [majors or schools], and most of them have," said Alan Junkins, a UI clinical professor of pathology.

He said he was worried that it may take three years until the program gets back to full class size, which typically ranges from 15 to 18 students out of a pool of 40 to 50 applicants.

While no pre-laboratory-science students are registered for the class of 2008, Junkins said, he is hoping for 12 students next year.

The Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program, the largest of its kind in the state, trains students to work in medical labs — running and evaluating fluid and tissue tests before they are sent to doctors.

University officials were considering eliminating the program because of its annual cost — roughly \$400,000 — compared with the small number of students it trains.

Associate Provost Thomas Rocklin said that after meeting with UI Hospitals and Clinics administrators and Iowa lab directors, the office decided to continue the program because it meets a statewide need for trained lab workers.

"We had a long series of discussions and decided the program is very valuable to the state," despite its high cost, he said.

Junkins said Iowa needs roughly 100 highly trained lab workers each year, but the state can produce a maximum of 40 between programs at the UI and smaller ones at hospitals.

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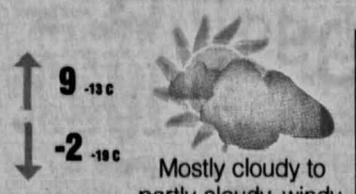
Chris Mutel puts away a CD in the KRUI studio while broadcasting his radio show on Monday night. Mutel, a graduate student, has his sights set on enrolling in a doctoral program upon completing his work at the UI.



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DOME OF DESPAIR

The men hoopsters head to Cedar Falls, where (just between you 'n' I) they fall a lot. **1B**



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MTV-U braves the cold Iowa City weather to 'punk' UI communication-studies major Scott Beck



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UI junior communication-studies major Scott Beck (center) is surprised by his friends, media members, and an MTV-U VJ on Monday night as he discovers that he won the nationwide Best Film on Campus contest. Beck, who thought he was surprising friend Bryan Woods (left) with the award and his own MTV-U cameraman, won a development deal with MTV Films for his movie, *University Heights*.

UI JUNIOR WINS MTV FILM AWARD

BY MARGARET POE

THE DAILY IOWAN

With a gregarious MTV-U veejay thrusting a microphone in his face and a gaggle of extras from his latest film besieging him, the lanky UI junior could only manage a repeated "wow" as he stood frozen in the doorway, his jaw dropping toward the carpet.

As the outpouring subsided, astounded filmmaker Scott Beck realized he had

just secured a development deal with MTV Films — a prize he thought his friend and fellow film guru Bryan Woods had snagged.

"It's just like MTV to punk the punker," said Beck, who had been duped by the college-focused television network into believing childhood pal Woods had secured the award. But Beck, on his way to give Woods the good news, suddenly found himself the center of attention.

Walking into an apartment

bursting with yellow and black balloons and streamers was his last expectation Monday night.

Beck's trailer for his film *University Heights* — which follows the intertwining lives of four Iowa college students — snagged the MTV-U Best Film on Campus prize after online voting elevated Beck from finalist status, which he also garnered last year.

MTV-U veejay Gardner Loulan hosted the surprise

gathering, which will later air on the TV network, simultaneously shushing and inducing the crowd into a fervor of excitement.

"It's either a family of raccoons in the hallway, or it's Scott," said the charismatic Loulan, as he guided the crowd through many close calls. His blond wavy hair and black hooded sweatshirt gave him the appearance of any college student, but, with his MTV-U emblazoned microphone, he

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KRUI talk-show host | CHRIS MUTEL

The nature of 'stuff'

BY JASON PULLIAM

THE DAILY IOWAN

As Chris Mutel prepares to take the airwaves in the dimly lit KRUI studio, the delicate strumming of an acoustic guitar on a Greg Brown track delivers the melodic lead into his talk show "Environment @ Iowa":

John Muir walked away into the

mountains ... a crust of bread in his pocket ... we have no knowledge, and so we have stuff ... and stuff with no knowledge ... it just won't get you there

A stroke of good fortune enabled the 28-year-old to tuck two loves into the opening seconds of his show: the music of an Iowa folk musician singing about a pioneering American naturalist.

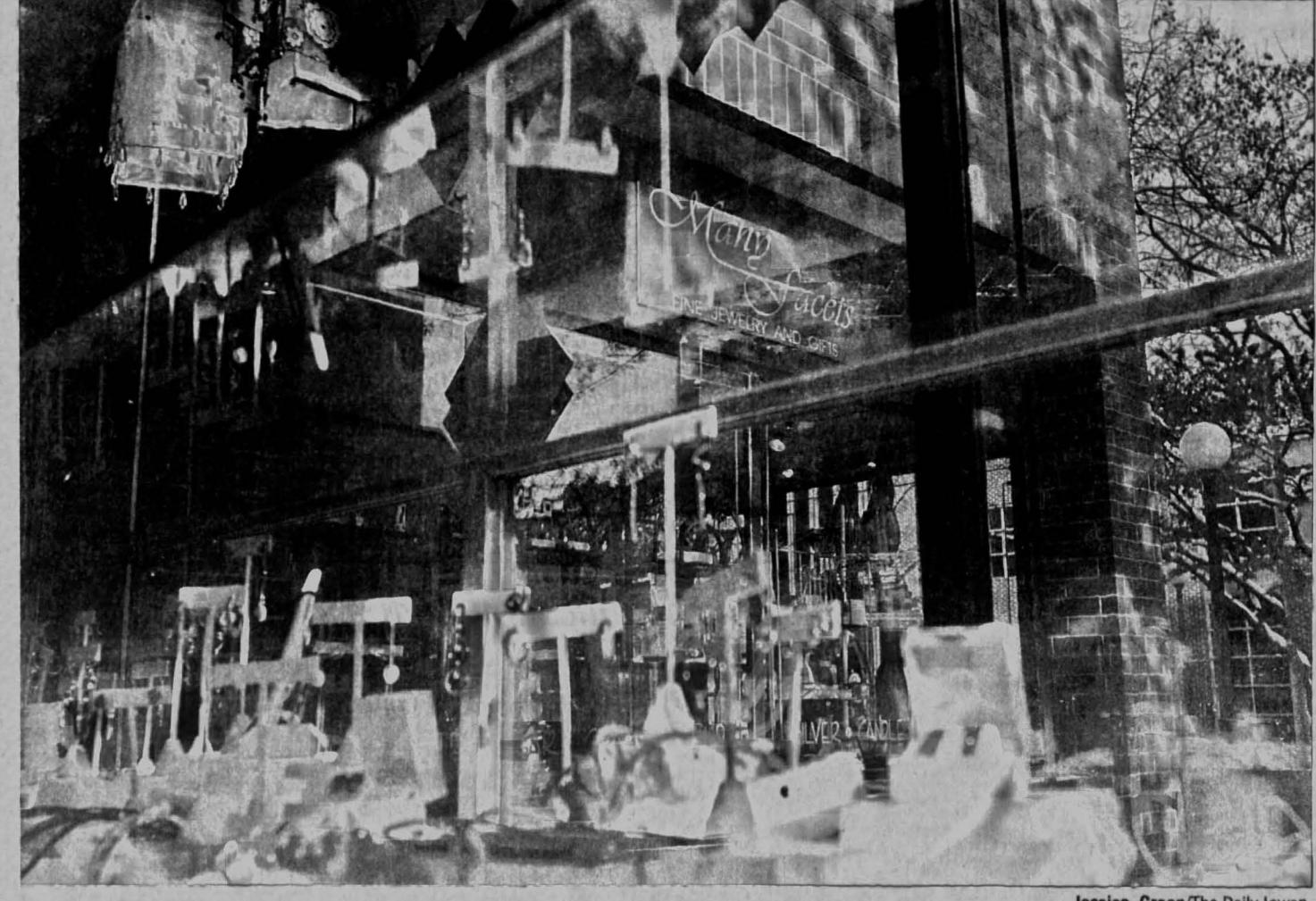
The sustainability minded UI graduate student hopes the show will help people realize fulfillment can be discovered through more than just acquiring the material "stuff" Brown sings about.

"Being outdoors, for me, is like being in church," Mutel said. "You feel like the boundaries are gone."

His zeal for the world's sensory

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Store looks for gem of a name



The sun shines on the Many Facets sign on Monday afternoon. The store, which sells handcrafted jewelry and gifts, is holding a contest to rename the establishment.

BY KATHERINE BISANZ

THE DAILY IOWAN

A local jewelry store will ante up \$500 to any creative mind who can conjure up a new and catchy name for the 4-year-old downtown business.

Mariah Lubinus of Many Facets, 125 S. Dubuque St., said the establishment is looking for something short and sweet — representing both the glistening trinkets in the shop's glass cases and the unique relationships between the staff and its customers.

"What we're doing is looking for something that is short, like

one name, rather than two," said the assistant manager of marketing and public relations. "We are looking for something that reflects not only the style of our jewelry but the way we interact with the public."

Lubinus said the current name may wrongly lead the younger crowd to believe that the shop is overpriced and geared toward an older demographic.

"Young people don't always understand our name," she said. "The average price of our jewelry is about \$59 per item, so it's really very reasonable, and we feel that the name and the

appearance may not relay that to the passerby."

The store, located on the Pedestrian Mall, is seeking public input, because it wants to maintain and involve its regular customers as much as possible but also make the shop approachable to newcomers.

A few of the aesthetic aspects of the store will also be getting a face-lift, Lubinus said.

"We need a new fresh look," she said. "We are going to be doing new signage and new colors."

The shop will accept entries until Dec. 31, and it will announce the winner on

Jan. 2, 2006, Lubinus said.

One UI economics professor commended the contest as a "clever marketing ploy" but said the product is what will make the difference when it comes down to results at the cash register.

"People will remember the store for a while," said John Solow, an associate professor of economics. "It won't make or break it, but it could be helpful. In the long run, its ability to succeed will depend on if it gets its products out there for its intended audience to see."

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Official wants to lower drinking age for troops

BY AMANDA MASKER

THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite the right to sign a lease, vote for the president, and lay their lives on the line, one thing 18-year-olds legally cannot do is have a beer.

New Hampshire state Rep. Jim Splaine wants to change that for a special sector of 18-year-olds in his state.

The Democrat has sponsored a bill to lower the legal drinking age for military personnel to 18, arguing that the United States is "disrespecting" the young men and women who are sent into harm's way by not allowing them a glass of wine before they leave for war.

"This is not a way to reward or thank the troops," Splaine said on Monday.

But the military does not seek such special accommodations, an official representing Iowa soldiers said on Monday.

"We wear the uniform to protect the rights of all people," said Lt. Col. Greg Hapgood, the

public-affairs officer for the Iowa National Guard. "We don't want to be treated any differently."

The bill, if approved, will only affect people in New Hampshire, and an Iowa lawmaker said on Monday he would be surprised if similar legislation would pass in this state.

"I don't see a political will to lower the drinking age to 18."

— Rep. Dave Jacoby,
D-Coralville.

A recent caucus in Des Moines did not indicate that lowering the drinking age would be a priority for state lawmakers, said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville.

"I don't see a political will to lower the drinking age to 18," he said.

But Splaine argues that if 18-year-olds are being taught to

use a weapon, they should be able to consume alcohol responsibly. In fact, he believes all adults should be able to legally drink but said he can only do one thing at a time.

Setting the drinking age set at 21 "makes alcohol a forbidden fruit," he said.

"We are creating a generation of criminals," he said, adding that young people drink regardless of the laws on the books.

Lowering the drinking age to 18 would provide the needed alcohol education to people that age, because they would then be able to drink in a safer environment, Splaine argued.

"I don't buy into that logic," Jacoby said. "There are other ways of getting alcohol education to people other than automatically legalizing [the drinking age] to 18."

Mary Khowassah, a co-chairwoman of the Stepping Up Project, said, "Drinking increases as accessibility

increases." She added that making both access to alcohol easier and legal for 18-year-olds will result in more drinking.

Though 18 was the legal drinking age when Jacoby was growing up, the representative said it is difficult for him to say whether the current drinking age should be lowered again.

The debate that surfacing in New Hampshire is a parallel to the question raised when soldiers returned from fighting in the Vietnam War, Jacoby said.

"We've tapped into a 35-year-old question," he said.

The legal drinking age is both a matter of public safety and government intrusion, he said, and lawmakers have to decide on an age of maturity that is consistent across the board.

Splaine's New Hampshire bill is scheduled to be presented at a legislative session on Jan. 4, 2006.

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METRO

UI researchers get salmon grant

A group of UI engineering researchers, led by Associate Professor Larry Weber, has received a \$6.7 million grant to

study the interaction of salmon and hydroelectric dams.

Weber and his team developed technology that gives salmon an alternate route past the dam. Previously, salmon were often injured in the dams' turbines.

The team was able to simulate the

behavior of a fish when faced with varying water pressures and conditions and then create the ideal flow of water to draw fish into the alternative route.

"We can simulate fish behavior and then find the best utility possible," he said.

The researchers received the money from the Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Wash. They will use it to build a production fish-passage system at Priest Rapids Dam in Washington.

— by Rebecca McKenna

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Craig Crawford, 27, address unknown, was charged Monday with driving while under suspension.

Mark Hembry, 20, Coralville, was charged Dec. 3 with possession of marijuana.

David Johnson, 47, address unknown, was charged Monday with manufacturing a controlled substance and drug tax-stamp violation.

Nicholas Knudsen, 21, Coralville, was charged Dec. 3 with possession of marijuana.

Alexandra Meador, 19, 1109 Burge, was charged Dec. 2 with public intoxication.

Reuben Smit, 19, Coralville, was charged Dec. 3 with manufacturing a controlled substance and drug tax-stamp violation.

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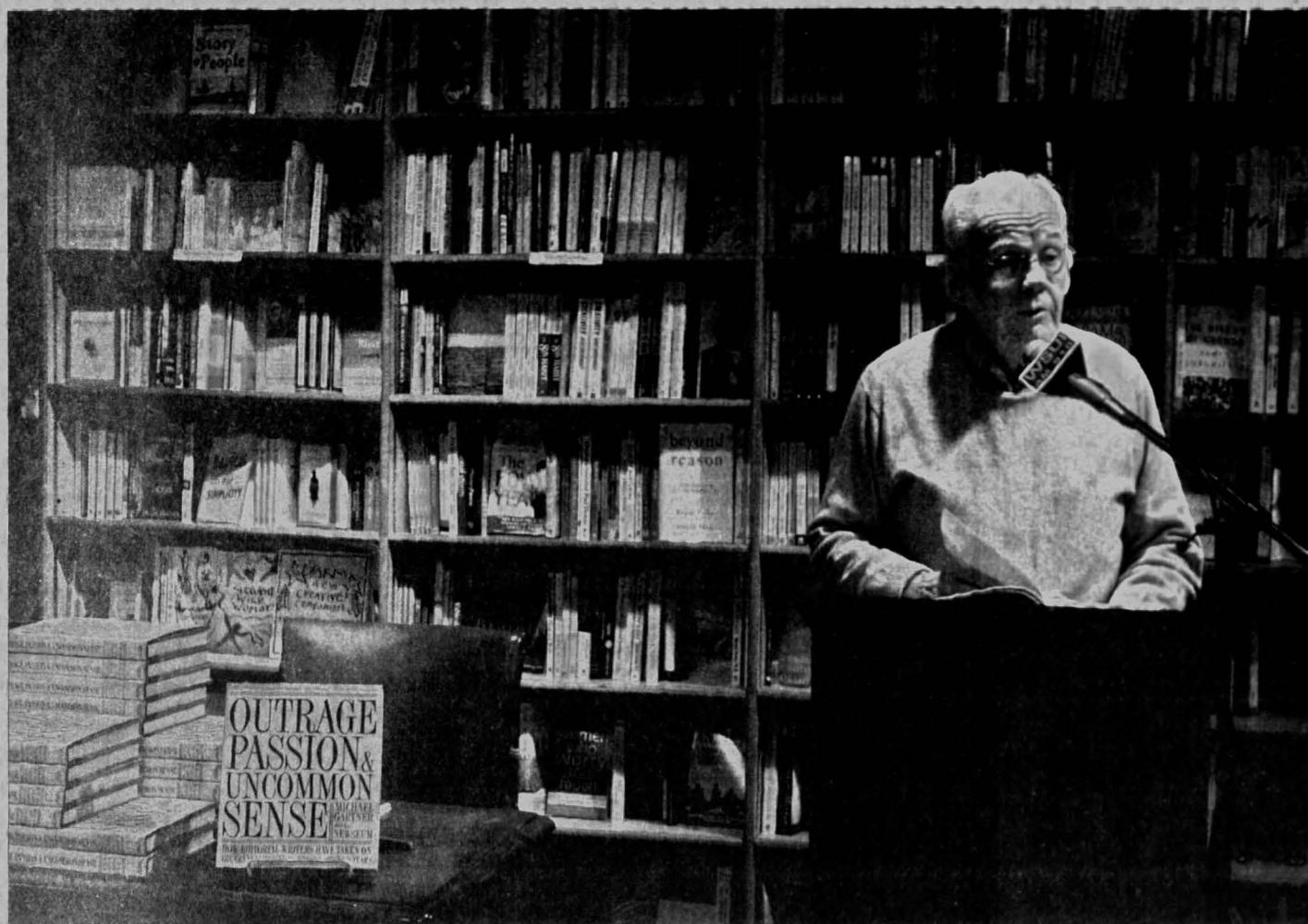
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In praise of great editorials



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Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and state Board of Regents President Michael Gartner speaks about his book *Outrage, Passion, and Uncommon Sense: How Editorial Writers Have Taken on the Great American Issues of the Past 150 Years* at Prairie Lights on Monday.

BY ERIKA BINEGAR

THE DAILY IOWAN

While reading from his new book, 1997 Pulitzer Prize winner and state Board of Regents President Michael Gartner on Monday reminisced about the glory days of editorial writing.

When penning his book *Outrage, Passion, and Uncommon Sense: How Editorial Writers Have Taken on the Great American Issues of the Past 150 Years*, he chose seven to eight major themes on a "whim."

The journalist of nearly 50 years said all 60 editorials reprinted in his book exhibit beautiful writing.

"The one common theme is they have to be eloquent," he said.

Focusing on topics such as war, freedom, equality, and even Christmas, Gartner said the chosen editorials showcase the brave editors

who have courageously stood up for freedom and equality in the past century and a half.

"You show me a beloved editor, I'll show you a crummy newspaper," he said.

During the "Live From Prairie Lights" reading, Gartner named who he believes to be "the four greatest editorial writers" — Horace Greeley, Henry Watterson, William Allen White, and Vermont Connecticut Royster.

Gartner, the former editor of the *Des Moines Register*, said the issues of today are the same as the issues of 100 years ago, and he read a handful of excerpts from his book.

One such snippet was from an editorial called "The Prayer of 20 Millions," Horace Greeley in 1862. In a letter to Abraham Lincoln written during the Civil War, Greeley had demanded an answer to the continued subjugation of

slaves, and he told the president to obey the law of the land.

"I mean, how uppity can you be?" Gartner asked the crowd, calling Greeley's editorial the greatest ever written.

What made this editorial important, Gartner said, was the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation six months later. He added the editorials of today are not written with the same passion as "the editorials of old."

"I think the supply of great editorials is dwindling," the former president of NBC News said.

He cited the increased concentration of newspaper ownership as a possible reason for the disappearance of bold editorial writers. In a technologically advanced world, he said, editorial and investigative reporting are the two things that set newspapers apart.

Over the years, the Des

Moines native has kept this specific quote in mind — "The easiest thing for the reader to do is quit reading."

If reporters remember that, he said, they will be better writers.

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— Michael Gartner,
Board of Regents president

Legislature to eye health care

BY MIKE GLOVER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Republican legislative leaders said Monday they'll push for a health-care package that includes state funding of catastrophic coverage and eases restrictions that stop businesses and associations from forming insurance pools to reduce costs.

Lawmakers said many details of the plan need to be worked out but vowed to include Democrats in the bargaining.

Included in the package will be tax incentives for businesses to offer coverage and expansion of incentives for individuals to create health savings accounts.

"The devil is in the details, but we're willing to take on the devil," said Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, one of the leaders of the effort.

The announcement ensures that health care will be a top priority when the Legislature convenes next month.

Democratic Gov. Tom Vilsack has said he'll ask lawmakers for \$40 million to provide coverage for catastrophic illnesses, with funding coming from an increase in the state's cigarette tax.

Republican lawmakers said they would not rule out Vilsack's proposal.

Rep. Willard Jenkins, R-Waterloo, who heads the House Commerce Committee, said his panel will deal with the issue, because improving health care could be an economic development tool.

"This could in fact bring businesses to the state," Jenkins said.

Senate Democratic Leader Michael Gronstal of Council Bluffs said his party wants to take a closer look at the issue and its economic impact.

"It's one of the stronger issues we hear come up pretty much across the board. It's one of those economic security issues," he said.

Kaufmann said lawmakers plan to assemble a bipartisan study committee later this month to negotiate details.

While Republicans hold a narrow 51-49 margin the House, the Senate is tied at 25-25, and both parties have to agree before an issue is debated.

Lawmakers said they're beginning to get pressure from voters because of soaring health-care costs.

They pointed to a Kaiser Family Foundation study that shows employer contributions to health coverage increased by 65 percent between 2000 and 2005, while the employee's share has gone up 81 percent.

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NEWS

Court to mull insanity

BY GINA HOLLAND

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WASHINGTON — How hard can states make it for criminal defendants to prove insanity?

The Supreme Court, jumping into an issue it avoided for nearly two decades under the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist, said on Monday it would hear an appeal filed on behalf of a teenager who apparently thought he was being pursued by aliens when he killed an Arizona police officer. The justices will take up the case next spring.

The young man's lawyer, David Goldberg, said in a filing that Arizona lawmakers made their law too restrictive. It allows a defendant to be found "guilty except insane" and held for mental-health treatment, but it restricts what evidence can be used to prove insanity.

It's the first time the court has dealt with a direct constitutional challenge to insanity-defense laws since lawmakers around the country imposed new restrictions following John Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity in the March 1981 shooting of President Reagan, said Richard Bonnie, a University of Virginia professor who specializes in psychiatry and the law.

"It comes as a surprise," he said.

Most, but not all, states allow insanity defenses. In 1994, the Supreme Court let stand Montana's abolition of insanity as a defense for criminal defendants. But, three years ago, justices refused to review a Nevada Supreme Court decision that defendants have a right to use insanity defenses.

While it is not known how new Chief Justice John Roberts will approach the case, Rehnquist had been skeptical of insanity defenses.

In a case 20 years ago, the court ruled 8-1 that poor accused criminals have a constitutional right to a psychiatrist, if sanity is a key issue in their case. Rehnquist filed the lone dissent to that 1985 decision, writing: "It is highly doubtful that due process requires a state to make available an insanity defense to a criminal defendant, but in any event, if such a defense is afforded, the burden of proving insanity can be placed on the defendant."

The latest Supreme Court case involves Eric Michael Clark, who was a standout football player and popular student, until he started acting bizarrely. In 1999, he began obsessing about the millennium. He ran up his parents' credit cards buying survival supplies and then became convinced that aliens had taken over his town.

Clark, who has been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, shot Officer Jeff Moritz in Flagstaff, Ariz., on June 21, 2000. Moritz, a 30-year-old father of a toddler, had pulled Clark over as the 17-year-old drove around his neighborhood in a truck playing loud rap music at about 5 a.m.

Clark was convicted and sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

Arizona assistant attorney general Michael O'Toole said in a filing that "even if the states are required to provide an insanity defense to criminal defendants, this court's prior decisions make clear that no one particular test is required."

Clark is not contesting his guilt in shooting the officer, Goldberg said. "It is just whether in fairness, he should be doing his time in a maximum security prison or in a mental health facility."

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It looked like a seizure when little Alexandra Gonzales jerked and then went limp, barely breathing. A frantic race to the hospital led to a diagnosis her parents found hard to believe: Just days before her first birthday, she had had a stroke.

"We never knew that children could have strokes," says her mother, Amanda Gonzales.

It's a common misconception, yet several thousand U.S. children a year suffer strokes — and some specialists fear they're on the rise. Only now are efforts under way to detect strokes faster in these smallest patients and begin figuring out how to treat them, to help rescue their brains.

"It gets short shrift," said Dr. Raymond Pitetti, an assistant emergency-medicine chief at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, who developed a "stroke team" for kids, to speed diagnosis after counting an increase in victims in his emergency room.

"There are a lot of knowledge gaps," said Dr. John Lynch of the National Institutes of Health, whose research is pointing to possible unrecognized genetic culprits.

Strokes are rare in children. Still, Lynch estimates that approximately 1,000 infants a year suffer a stroke during the newborn period or before birth — plus anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 children from age 1

month to 18 years.

The age difference is important, because newborn strokes appear to be distinctly different from those in older babies and children, who are more at risk for repeat brain attacks.

Between 10 and 25 percent of pediatric stroke sufferers die.

Specialists once thought most survivors eventually would recover, because children's brains are much more "plastic" than adults' — they're more likely to reroute themselves around damage. But sobering research now shows more than half will have permanent motor or cognitive disabilities.

"Kids, in the end, still do better than adults," cautions Dr. Amy Goldstein, a pediatric neurologist at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, noting that "it's hard to keep a 2-year-old still," while the elderly may not be as motivated for necessary physical therapy.

Worse, there's very little research on how to treat child stroke. Neurologists cobble together therapy based on what works in adults, although what causes most adult strokes — hardened, clogged arteries — isn't the culprit for youngsters, and few are diagnosed fast enough to try, experimentally, the drug, tPA, that can restore their elders' blocked blood flow.

Efforts are under way to change that. An international study, led by Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, is trying to pinpoint risk factors and patients' outcomes based on how different hospitals care for them, knowledge necessary to devise new treatments.

While cardiac birth defects, vascular abnormalities, sickle cell disease, and certain infections can trigger children's strokes, doctors never find a cause for about two-thirds of cases. A second study, led by NIH's Lynch, suggests many of them harbor genetic mutations



Keith Srakocic/Associated Press

Sixteen-month-old Alexandra Gonzales reaches for cereal from a bowl during a therapy session with speech and language pathologist Marci Kintigh in the Gonzales home in Connellsville, Pa. on Dec. 1. The baby recently suffered a stroke, and she is recovering with therapy at home.

connected to blood clotting and metabolism, a possible missing link.

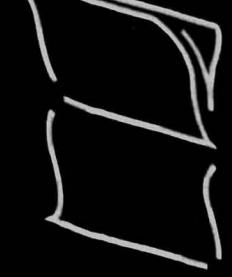
And about 100 patients are enrolled in a study of whether Pitetti's stroke team improves their outcomes by speeding diagnosis.

For now, pediatric stroke-treatment centers on preventing a repeat stroke and minimizing damage from the first one.

Consider Alexandra Gonzales. Raced to the Pittsburgh hospital July 24, she suffered another stroke three days later, on her birthday. Surgeons cut out a portion of her skull to relieve massive brain swelling and prevent further damage. When she woke up a week later, she was like a newborn, unable even to hold her head up.

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Young filmmaker garners deal from MTV-U



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UI senior Scott Beck, who won the MTV-U Best Film on Campus contest, is interviewed on Monday night after he was surprised with the award at friend Brian Woods' apartment.

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"Filmmaking is a dream," Woods said, looking across his living room — its white walls plastered with M.N. Shyamalan posters — at fellow film junkies chugging Mountain Dew and reveling in the success of the "no-budget" movie. A piece of cheddar cheese whizzing over his head paused his response only a second; the level-minded director seemed accustomed to his friends' antics.

The Ben Affleck/Matt Damon-esque pair hope to own a big production company someday, but the glitz of Hollywood is not their aspiration — they want to retain their Iowa roots, basing their company in their home state.

"We grew up here," Woods said. "It's a state we love. The stories we write are, one way or the other, about this state."

— Brian Woods

'I think it says a lot about the school.'

— Ross Martin, MTV-U's vice president of programming

campuses, and the UI is no exception.

"I think it says a lot about the school," the executive said, lauding Beck's and Woods' achievements.

All those gathered exuded pride and excitement for the ambitious filmmakers. Josh Guffey, a UI senior who acted as a classroom extra in *University Heights*, said the pair had finally gotten their due.

"These guys are living the dream," he said.

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Paperless in Iowa City

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- [Doctors] should just be able to hand the patients a sheet with their information on it," said Kristy Walker, the UIHC director of clinical applications. The system's patient information is backed up continuously by another server for security purposes, Craft said. The files and discs are stored in a spot located far away from the main computer room.
- But the UIHC has no intentions of stopping its progress here. "We want to take that next step and be partnered with the patient," Walker said. "The patients would be able to look at test results from the comfort of their own homes, as well as the review of their last appointment and even schedule their next appointment."
- If the home network is implemented, Walker added, she is

confident a patient's right to privacy will not be put at risk.

"Think of it as you would banking online," she said. "Instead of looking at your account info, you would be looking at your patient info."

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UI to retain lab program

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"There's definitely a national need for clinical lab scientists," said UI pathology Professor Fred Dee.

Hospitals make up the

difference by hiring workers with general-science degrees and training them in-house, Junkins said. But those employees are limited in the kinds of jobs they can do, he said.

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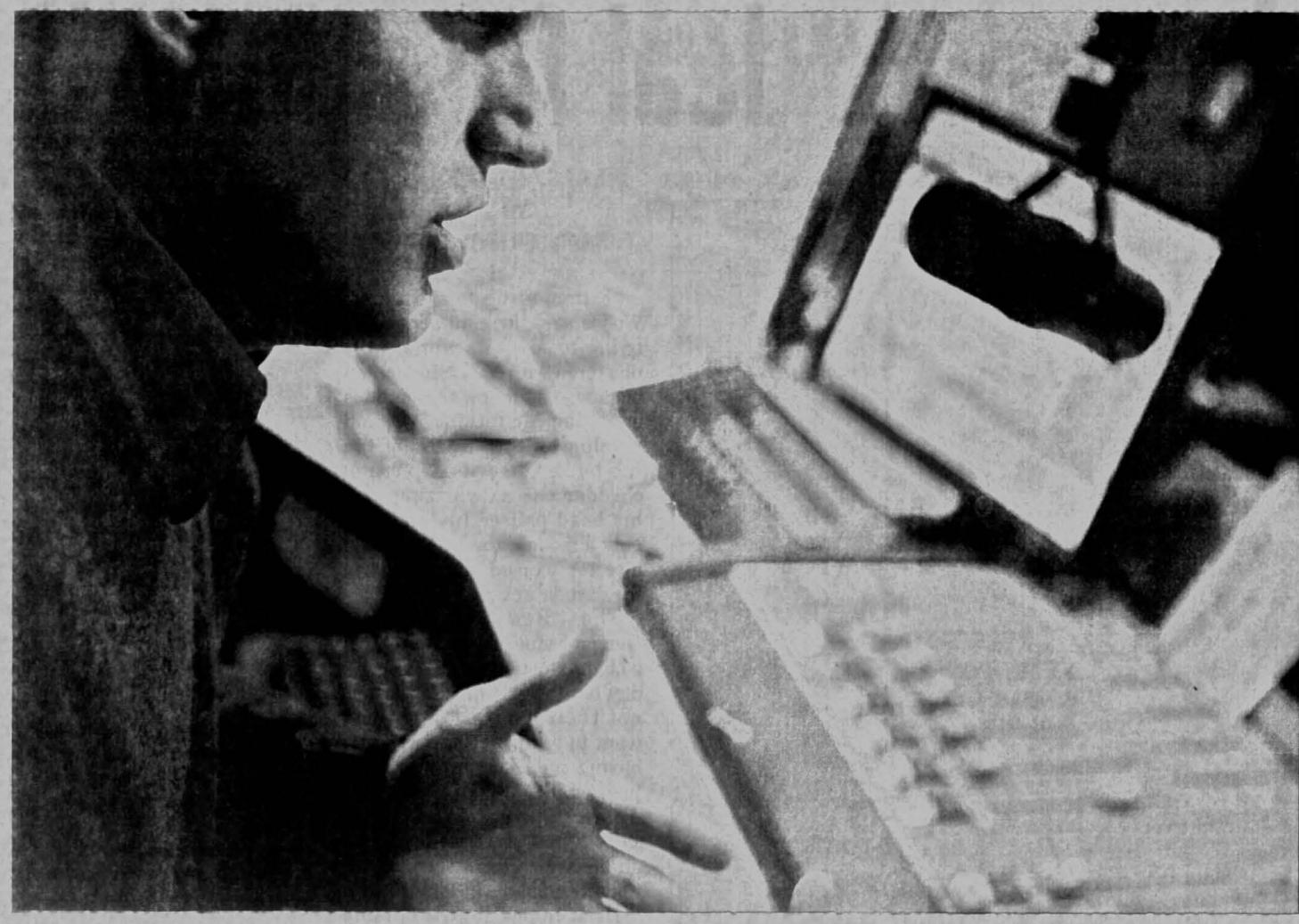
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NEWS



UI graduate student Chris Mutel's voice resonates over the airwaves from the KRUI studio during his weekly show on Monday night.

Thick in the nature of things

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wonders was born out of routine interfaces with nature growing up in the countryside near Solon, where he and his family took daily walks through the woods.

Mutel credits his parents with instilling in him their passion for the outdoors.

"It was so wonderful," he said. "I think every time I go out to my parents' house, I feel this weight lifted."

He was 11 months old when his parents, Connie and Robert Mutel, took him on his first hiking trip in Glacier National Park in Montana, before he was even able to walk.

Between the daily walks in the woods and family vacations in the wilderness, Connie Mutel said, nature was an important influence on Chris and his brothers.

"I think for all of them, it's a deep part of their spirituality," she said.

Chris Mutel's lifelong interest in making a difference in the world weighed heavily upon his decision to join the Peace Corps when he graduated from the UI with a bachelor of science degree in geography in 2000.

His Peace Corps recruiter presented him with the opportunity to teach environmental education in central Asia but told him she would allow him some time to think about the assignment.

"I said to her, 'I don't need any time. What exactly is central Asia?'" he recalled with a smile.

Central Asia ended up being Kazakhstan, where Mutel spent the next three years and met his wife, Tonya. Upon landing in the former Soviet republic at 4 a.m. on the day of his arrival, he was struck by

the intense cold and the power outage that had left his hotel without electricity and heat.

Mutel opted to greet the challenge as an opportunity.

"I just kept thinking, this is such a great beginning to this adventure," he said.

As he finishes his master's degree in environmental engineering, he said the invaluable lessons he learned in Kazakhstan will influence into his work for the rest of his life.

"It made me a lot more focused on the idea of finding appropriate solutions," he said. "I learned if you're trying to advocate sustainable practices and policies, they need to be appropriate to place."

Upon finishing up at the UI, he plans to enroll in a doctoral program. The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland, is his No. 1 choice.

Forrest Meggers, a UI alum

and friend of Mutel, is working as a research assistant in Zurich. He feels Switzerland's natural beauty and environmental progressivism will be among the best things to greet Mutel if he decides to go there to further develop his talents.

"We are lucky to have people such as Chris with big brains capable of high achievement," Meggers said. "Combined with big hearts that drive him to help the whole, not the individual."

Regardless of what direction his career leads him, Mutel knows he'll be doing something he's passionate about.

"I feel like I'm living the life I dreamed about when I was younger," he said.

"And that's turning interesting intellectual ideas into policies and technologies that are making the world better."

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Watergate duo back use of sources

BY GLEN JOHNSON

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, who broke the Watergate conspiracy story with, perhaps, the most famous anonymous source in journalism history, said on Monday it's especially important to protect such sources now.

During a rare joint appearance, the duo told an audience at Harvard University they were concerned about prosecutors going after reporters and their sources, citing the investigation into the leak of a CIA analyst's identity.

"It is a really bad thing, for journalism, for the country," Woodward said. "You will dry up the real story of what is going on in government."

Several reporters were subpoenaed to testify in the investigation into the disclosure of the identity of CIA officer Valerie Plame.

Plame is the wife of former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson. The former diplomat, after taking a trip to Niger to investigate claims of a uranium sale to Iraq, questioned the veracity of intelligence cited by the Bush administration in the run-up to the Iraqi war. Wilson has alleged his wife was unmasked in retaliation.

The probe resulted last month in the indictment of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, 55, Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, on charges that he lied to FBI agents and a federal grand jury about how he learned about Plame's identity and when he subsequently told reporters.

Bernstein blasted the Bush administration, saying the CIA investigation exposed "the disingenuousness, the lying, the willingness of this presidency to

go after those who disagree with it and discredit them."

He added: "For me, the good news is, finally something has kept the press's attention on the way this presidency and this president and its people operate. The bad news is that what it took to do it is going in reporters' back pockets."

Woodward has been criticized for not disclosing earlier that he may have been the first reporter to learn Plame's identity after a conversation with a senior Bush administration official. He has

said the official casually told him her name in June 2003.

Woodward has since apologized to *Washington Post* Executive Editor Leonard Downie for not revealing his involvement until shortly before the indictment — and before Woodward gave a sworn deposition to Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald.

The reporter has also been scolded — both by the *Post*'s ombudsman and newspaper rivals — for playing down the significance of the special prosecutor's probe in public

appearances before he disclosed his involvement in the Plame affair.

Woodward said in an interview last month, "I hunkered down. I'm in the habit of keeping secrets. I didn't want to do anything that was going to get me subpoenaed."

Woodward and Bernstein, then 20-something reporters at the *Washington Post*, began probing what was termed a "third-rate burglary" at the Democratic National Committee offices in 1972.

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9/11 panel: U.S. unprepared for terrorist strike

The former 9/11 commission gives the Bush administration and Congress failing grades for their efforts to curb the threat of terrorism in the U.S.

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN
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WASHINGTON — Time, money, and ever-present terror threats have done little to close gaping holes in the nation's security system, the former 9/11 commission said Monday in accusing the government of failing to protect the country against another attack.

The panel cited disjointed airplane passenger screening methods, pork-barrel security funding, and other problems in saying the Bush administration and Congress had not moved quickly enough to enact the majority of its recommendations of July 2004.

"We're frustrated, all of us — frustrated at the lack of urgency in addressing these various problems," said Thomas Kean, a Republican and former New Jersey governor who was chairman of the commission.

"We shouldn't need another wake-up call," he said. "We believe that the terrorists will strike again; so does every responsible expert that we have talked to. And if they do, and these reforms that might have prevented such an attack have not been implemented, what will our excuse be?"

Rather than disbanding like most federally appointed commissions when their terms expire, Kean and the other nine commissioners continued their work as a private entity, called the 9/11 Public Discourse Project.

Wrapping up more than three years of investigations and hearings, the former commission issued what members said was their final assessment of the government's counterterrorism performance as a report card. It gave failing grades in five areas and issued only one A — actually, an A minus — for the Bush administration's efforts to curb terrorist financing.

The five F's were for:

- Failing to provide a radio system to allow first responders from different agencies to communicate with each other during emergencies.

- Distributing federal homeland security funding to states on a "pork-barrel" basis instead of risk.

- Failing to consolidate names of suspicious airline travelers on a single terror watch screening list.

- Hindering congressional oversight by retaining intelligence budget information as classified materials.

- Failing to engage in an alliance to develop international standards for the treatment and prosecution of detained terrorist suspects.

The panel, which has operated as a nonprofit group since disbanding last year, also gave the government 12 D's and B's, nine C's, and two incomplete grades.

Congress established the commission in 2002 to investigate government missteps that led to the 9/11 attacks. Nearly 3,000 people were killed when 19 hijackers organized by Al Qaeda flew airliners into New York City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon and caused a crash in the Pennsylvania countryside.

Asked about the panel's final report, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said, "It's important to look at some of what they're talking about."

He also related the commission's findings to the administration's campaign in Iraq. "By taking the fight to the enemy abroad — and by doing so — that is keeping them from

Rice defends war on terror

'It is up to those governments and their citizens to decide if they wish to work with us.'

— Condoleezza Rice, secretary of State

BY ANNE GEARAN
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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice tried to turn the tables on European critics of tough U.S. tactics in the war on terror Monday, maintaining that intelligence gathered by the CIA has saved European as well as American lives.

Responding for the first time in detail to the outcry over reports of secret CIA-run prisons in European democracies, Rice said the United States "will use every lawful weapon to defeat these terrorists."

"But in remarks delivered as she got ready to leave on a trip to Europe, she steadfastly refused to answer the underlying question of whether the United States had CIA-operated secret prisons there."

"We cannot discuss information that would compromise the success of intelligence, law enforcement, and military operations. We expect other nations share this view," Rice said in a statement at suburban Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

President Bush has denied that the United States engages in torture in the war against terrorists, but Rice's statements Monday represented the most detailed public comment the administration has yet offered on this vexing issue.

Information gathered by U.S. intelligence agencies from a very small number of extremely dangerous detainees, the secretary said, has helped prevent terrorist attacks and saved lives in Europe as well as in the United States and other countries.

She provided no specific examples of instances where the CIA had foiled terrorist plots. But in October, the White House said the United States and its allies have prevented at least 10 major plots by Al Qaeda in the last four years, including plans to use hijacked planes to target the West Coast in 2002 and the East Coast in 2003 and another to bomb several locations in Britain in 2004.

The State Department, meanwhile, said it was difficult to be specific about lives being saved because of the nature of intelligence.

But spokesman Adam Ereli said "the point the secretary was trying to make is that the cooperation we have with our European partners and with our partners throughout the world has resulted in our frustrating the planning and operations and attacks of terrorists, including in Europe."

Ereli declined also to say whether the United States operates secret prisons. "There is information that we just don't discuss," he said.

Reports of the existence of the secret prisons has caused a transatlantic uproar. The European Union has asked the Bush administration about these reports.

By suggesting whatever the United States did had the cooperation of European nations, Rice may have imposed pressure on their governments to explain to their people whether they violated national or international laws.

And that could make Rice's stops in Europe even more difficult.

"It is up to those governments and their citizens to decide if they wish to work with us," she said, "and decide how much sensitive information they can make public."

"They have a sovereign right to make that choice," she said.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Monday that Rice's comment "makes clear" that the United States does not torture its detainees and said, "All of us must work together within the rule of law to use every tool at our disposal" to counter terrorism.

Britain, which holds the revolving presidency of the EU, sent a two-paragraph letter to Washington late last month demanding more information about reports that the CIA detained and interrogated terrorism prisoners in Soviet-era compounds in Eastern Europe.

In Germany, her first stop, a government spokesman, Ulrich Wilhelm, said his government had a list of more than 400 overflights and landings by planes suspected of being used by the CIA. He told reporters "we are hoping that all of the facts will be discussed" by Rice with Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Rice said the United States does not permit or tolerate torture, under any circumstances.

"The United States has fully respected the sovereignty of other countries that have cooperated in these matters," the secretary said. "The United States is a country of laws. My colleagues and I have been sworn to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. ... The United States must protect its citizens."

The reference to sovereignty implies that any European democracies that may have provided secret prisons did so willingly.

"So, now, before the next attack," Rice said, "we should all face the hard choices that democratic governments face."

Human rights organizations and legal groups, both in the U.S. and abroad, have accused the United States of allowing a practice known as "rendition to torture," in which suspects are taken to countries, such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia, where harsh interrogation methods are used.

Rice did say the United States has long participated in the movement of terror suspects between countries.

European governments have expressed outrage over reports of a network of secret Soviet-era prisons in Eastern Europe where detainees may have been harshly treated and that flights carrying Al Qaeda prisoners went through European airports.



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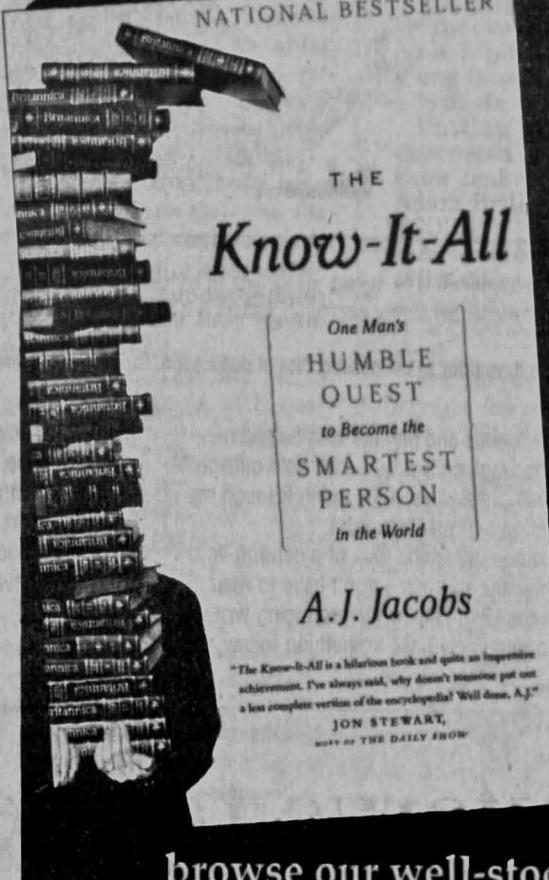
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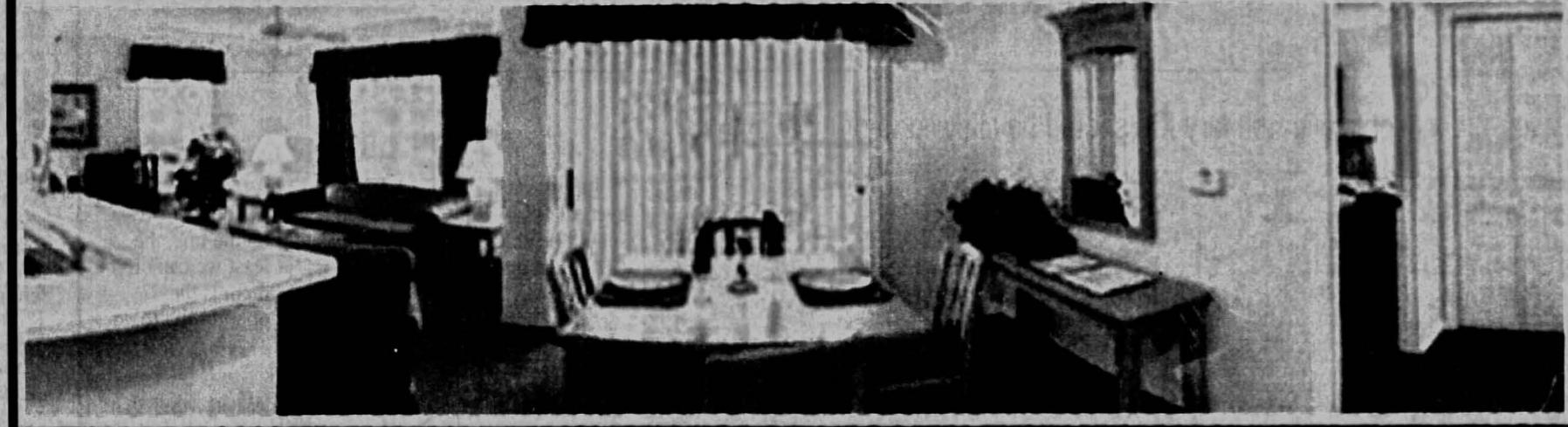
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EDITORIAL

Soldiers and the drinking age

That 18-20 year olds can serve in the military is commonly given as a reason to lower the drinking age. This particular point could be nullified by a bill pending before the Legislature in New Hampshire, which would allow military personnel to purchase alcohol once they turn 18. The bill could remove a persuasive argument from those in favor of lowering the drinking age overall, but it should also raise questions about special treatment given to certain government employees if the matter ends there.

The New Hampshire bill would allow anyone aged 18 and older with a valid military identification card to legally purchase spirits. No other qualifications, such as whether the person had actually served in protection of the country, were included in the law.

We have repeatedly urged lawmakers to consider lowering the drinking age, and in this regard, we applaud these attempts. However, such a law would privilege some unfairly. Pacifists who work for the betterment of the country and world by volunteering for the Peace Corps or Americorps would not be eligible for these perks, although their service may be no less valuable than a stateside member of Navy Reserve.

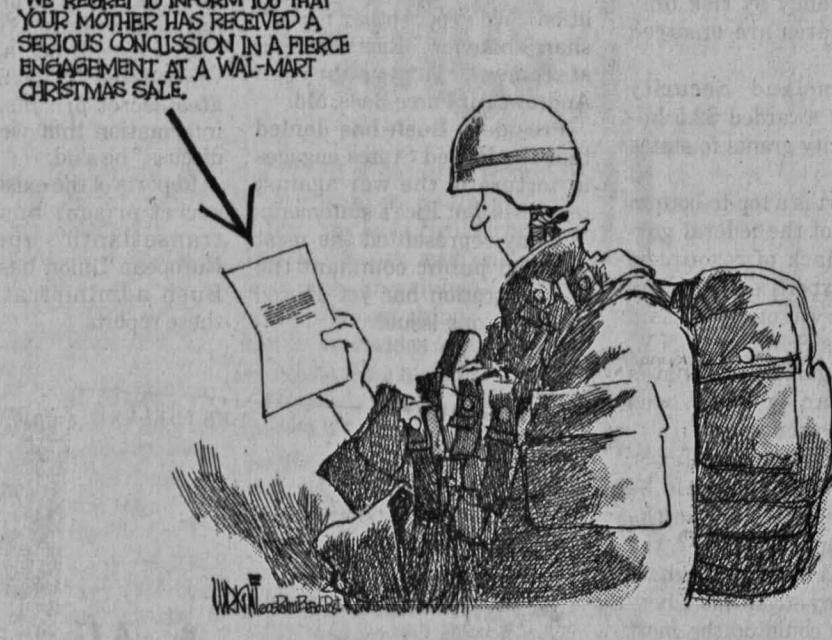
Moreover, the benefit of being able to drink alcohol two years earlier pales in comparison with other benefits that veterans themselves are desperately clamoring for: Medical care, psychological treatment, and salary raises should all rank as higher priorities than the right to drink beer. Furthermore, veterans already have a higher incidence of alcoholism than the general public;

this bill seems unlikely to do anything but further drive up that number.

Also included in the bill is a stipulation that the law would not go into effect unless the state could obtain an exception from the federal government. Currently, a federal law ties highway money to states enforcing 21 as the legal drinking age. This summer, when Wisconsin officials were considering an a comparable proposal, federal bureaucrats informed the state that no such waiver existed, so long as the federal law remained unchanged.

While we continue to favor a lower drinking age, it is worth noting that current restrictions on military personnel serving abroad are too punitive, and we would support laws enabling soldiers serving abroad to abide by the legal age in the country in which they are serving. We do not feel they should be permitted to observe a lower drinking age than the rest of us here at home.

One positive effect seems to be that the bill may spark a broader discussion of the drinking age in general — and there is certainly a broader issue that needs to be addressed. At 18, we can also vote, enter into legal contracts, get married, smoke, and buy pornography, in addition to enlisting in the military. The proposal may be effective in making a point, but, on its own merits, it does not stand very well. Making an exception for the most dangerous of that list does not change the fact that 18-year-olds are adults and should be allowed to make their own decisions about whether or not to drink.



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Triplett full of hot air

Every Monday, out of force of habit, I read Brian Triplett's inevitably boring and sanctimonious high-school newspaper rants. This — by which I mean his column — should not continue.

Triplett says effectively nothing new every week, and he should really get over the idea

that he knows more about life than other seniors in college. And, if he's trying to become the smug voice of our generation, I, for one, protest. When he starts saying such things as, "I'm not saying I have never complained, but when I do, I instantly catch myself and promise I will not do it again. I realize how lucky I am just to be alive," to

have friends and parents who helped me get through college" ("So it's cold outside," Dec. 5), one word starts going through my head on a turnstile: bullshit.

I understand the idea of a column is subjective and that I don't have to read it. But the UI is known for producing writers who genuinely have something to say and

find new ways to be significant in the eyes of an audience. And all I'm saying is that Triplett should not consider himself a writer (or even, for that matter, a journalist) until he finds something truly worthwhile and relevant to say.

Erika Spoden
UI student

GUEST OPINION

End recruitment, starve the beast

Pro-war factions are anti-troop, and nobody is more pro-war than the institution of the U.S. military. At noon today, the UI Antiwar Committee will walk from Hubbard Park to Jessup Hall to present a counter-recruitment petition to President David Skorton's office. The petition, signed by more than 500 students and community members, reads:

"We call on President David Skorton and the University of Iowa administration to bar military recruiters and programs from the university, because they violate university human rights and nondiscrimination policies, as well as the educational mission of an institution of higher learning."

This event is part of a coordinated day of national action by the Campus Antiwar Network. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the *FAIR v. Rumsfeld* case today, which will decide the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment. The Solomon Amendment allows the government to deny federal funding to schools that ban military recruiters, even though the military's anti-gay "don't ask, don't tell" policy violates the nondiscrimination code of most colleges.

The military is not safe for women soldiers either; 48 percent of women veterans were physically or sexually assaulted during their time in the service, according to a 2002 study conducted by the UI College of Public Health.

"The military needs to be regulated, just like a carton of cigarettes would be," says Daisy Espino, a graduate student in biomedical engineering and UI Antiwar Committee member. "The military should provide rape statistics to females, because [the rate of assault] is so high."

Espino also says the military targets certain groups, people who have few resources and low incomes, without giving complete information.

The war on terrorism has turned America into the very evil that we were supposed to be fighting against. More than 2,100 American soldiers and 100,000 Iraqi civilians have rejoined our maker before their time. The United States condones torture, and, now, recent evidence indicates that the United States used chemical weapons in Fallujah.

"I object to military recruitment on campus, because the Iraq war is illegal, ill-thought, and full of human-rights abuses," said Kristin Johnson, a Kirkwood Community College student and UI Antiwar Committee member.

As a press-release sent by the Campus Antiwar Network concludes, "Occupation is not liberation ... mobilize on Dec. 6 to counter the military's ability to wage its illegal war and to support the right of universities to oppose military recruiting on their campuses."

One argument against the campaign is that it unfairly blocks students access to recruiters. This is not true. Anyone interested in pursuing a military career is free to contact her or his local recruiter through the yellow pages or Internet.

Another argument is that the campaign focuses on the wrong institutions. Instead of attacking the military, critics argue, activists should be taking action against the civilian policymakers who control the military.

Actually, this is precisely the point. By kicking recruiters off campus, the antiwar movement is putting pressure on civilian policymakers to reform the military's discriminatory practices and the government's foreign policies.

A third argument is that the military needs liberal, college-educated people in its ranks. That way, the argument goes, reform can come from within. However, devaluing and dehumanizing human beings is at the core of the military's motto of "kill, kill, kill." I'm unconvinced that reform can ever occur.

"If the Supreme Court decides in favor of FAIR on Dec. 6, there will be no excuse for the UI to continue to allow access to recruiters and ROTC on campus, as federal funds will not be tied to these activities," said Brian Gryzlak, an RA in epidemiology at Iowa and UI Antiwar Committee member.

"Regardless, the UI should exhaust all potential avenues for fully demilitarizing the campus before other options are considered."

David Goodner, a copy editor and reporter for College Not Combat, is a member of the UI Antiwar Committee, which does not endorse this piece.

ON THE SPOT

Do you think people with military IDs should be allowed to drink at age 18?



"They should abide by the same laws as all of us as U.S. citizens."

Alex Brosnahan
UI freshman



"If you can die for your country, you should be able to get wasted in your country."

Abby Jacobs
UI sophomore



"I think everybody should be able to drink at age 18."

Tito McGinnis
UI senior



"If people are putting their lives on the line, the least we can offer them is the opportunity to go have a beer."

Christine Atty
UI senior

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Chimes of freedom

So I hear the weather tomorrow is going to feature temperatures around 104 degrees Fahrenheit (that would be 40 degrees Celsius, for those of you keeping score, not that people do much, anymore), with gentle southerly breezes bearing no memories of hurricanes, non-UV-dangerous sunshine, and palm trees sprouting on the Pentacrest and the Ped Mall.

Oh, and everything's going just swell in Iraq, too.

I mean, the president just told us so.

And he wouldn't lie.

Would he?

No, of course not. Conservatives

don't lie. They sometimes have a

hands-off

approach to the

truth (Don't confu

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facts, as Ronald

Reagan once

famously said, but

then, he also cont

ended that

ketchup was a

vegetable and

that trees cause most of the air pollution

— for this he gets an airport

named after him?). But that's because,

as an administration aide said a few

years back, conservatives are involved

in the very serious task of inventing

reality and those of us imprisoned in

the reality-based community can only

watch in shock and awe.

Well, I like to be shocked and awed with the best of them (that's probably why I'm a Red Sox fan), but sometimes I just have to wonder.

For instance, when conservative pundits write that the 9/11 commission found ties between Al Qaeda and Saddam's Iraq, I just have to scratch my head in bewilderment, because that's not what I remember that panel saying. So I go back to the 9/11 commission's report and see that it discovered "no collaborative relationship" between the terrorist group and Saddam, and then I wonder some more: What can these conservatives be thinking? It's right there, in black and white.

Ah, Beau, I say to myself. You see? You're still stuck in that reality-based community. You oughta get out more, broaden your horizons.

But then I read some conservatives writing that Saddam harbored terrorists, specifically the infamous Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Abdul Rahman Yasin, and thus the United States was correct in invading Iraq.

Ah, yes. Zarqawi did flee to Iraq after the Taliban fell in Afghanistan, but he joined up with an anti-Saddam group in the north, Ansar al-Islam, radical Kurdish Islamists. In a rather delicious twist of irony that perhaps only the ancient Greeks could truly appreciate, the group, and Zarqawi, was protected by the U.S.-British no-fly, no-go zone.

And Yasin, who was involved in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, also fled to Iraq. Saddam imprisoned him.

So you can see my confusion. I mean, I'm trying to broaden my horizons and all that, but Saddam seemed to have a quite strange way of "harboring" terrorists. Does this mean, with all the alleged terrorists whom the United States has imprisoned in Guantanamo and in secret jails in Eastern Europe, that America is "harboring" them?

Ah, yes — secret prisons in Eastern Europe. Some reportedly in old Soviet army bases. You remember the old, bad Soviet Union? With its notorious Gulag? What kind of democracy sets up its own Gulag? And, in another delicious twist of irony, uses old Soviet bases? Talk about winning the Cold War.

But there I go again, still imprisoned in that reality-based community. Well, at least I'm not imprisoned in Eastern Europe.

But my confusion only deepens when I hear the president talk about his National Strategy for Victory, because it sounds a whole lot like his Mission Accomplished speech on the aircraft carrier in May 2003. Let's see; in May 2003, something around 160 U.S. troops had been killed in Iraq (and who knows how many Iraqis). Now, something around 2,100 U.S. troops have been killed (and who knows how many Iraqis). But, "Our strategy is working," says the president.

OK. But, going back to an ancient Greek, many more victories like this, and we are lost.

But we're spreading democracy in Iraq. Yeah, that's why there are Shiite death squads roaming around, torturing and murdering Sunnis. That's why the U.S. military and its contractors are planting feel-good stories in the Iraqi media. It's all the chimes of freedom.

Ask not for whom the bell tolls, a famous poet once wrote. ■

Beau Elliot is so confused, he doesn't even believe in Santa Claus anymore. We feel it's a hopeless case. But then, it usually is with Red Sox fans.

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The now-wiser Wiesel will visit Iowa City on Wednesday to share his grownup, buuuuudey-free brand of comedy

BY ADAM GREENBERG

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the plot for the TBS original reality series, "Minding the Store."

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We are, as a society, suckers for easily digestible cultural icons. It is not the ignorance of the American people and the general disdain for all things complex, as has often been the offered rationale, but rather the ease with which we know we can then discard of the person at hand.

The latest rapidly cycled example: Tom Cruise's mini-rise and fall in the public's esteem from Katie Holmes' radiant boyfriend to creepy-crawly and hyper-religious fiancé. And back. And forth.

Nearly 10 years ago, America juked Pauly Shore, the Wiesel who played Stoney Brown (*Encino Man*), Bones Conway (*In The Army Now*), and Bud Macintosh (*Bio-Dome*). But despite faking his own death in last year's well-intentioned and good-humored film, *Pauly Shore Is Dead*, the 37-year old poster boy for floating high on the green with an IQ in the red maintains that he never really went away.

"I had a great run, I went a lot further than most comics, but, when people don't see you on TV, they think you're not working. I'm working all the time," said Shore in a telephone interview with *The Daily Iowan*. He will appear Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Hancher Auditorium with Dave Attell, host of Comedy Central's late-night romp "Insomniac." Tickets are still available at the University Box Office.

While Shore's media presence has hardly impressed anyone in the eight years since his Fox sitcom, "Pauly," was canceled, he does possess a name immediately recognizable to almost anyone of college-age since the comedian first appeared on MTV in 1990.

"I'm fortunate that I have a name people know, and they'll pay money to see, and with that brings the gift of me being able to go out there, and grab the mike, and just express whatever I want," said the former MTV "Spring Break" party favor. Shore's middle name, Montgomery, — making his initials P.M.S. — could

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serve as a cosmic clue to the temperamental rant of a career that he would experience, he said in his film. Having shed the brain-dead party-boy persona he cultivated more than 10 years ago, Shore is serious about comedy and says, "It's one of the only art forms that you can really express yourself and make people laugh at the same time."

Shore was born into the profession, with a standup comedian father and a mother who owned and ran the Comedy Club, the famous Sunset Strip comic breeding ground that such well-known performers as Richard Pryor, Robin Williams, and Jim Carrey once called home. The dual story line of Shore assuming control of his mother's club while trying to resurrect his career provided

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UI senior Adam Brill makes phone calls in preparation for Wednesday night's Pauly Shore/Dave Attell comedy show during the noon hour in the SCOPE office on Monday, while senior Josh Zisson eats lunch and freshman Lisa Kuo works behind him. Brill is SCOPE's co-director of operations as well as production director.

BY ADAM GREENBERG

THE DAILY IOWAN

You may only buy a ticket and go to the show, but behind the scenes of a major concert at the UI is a group of students who, albeit professionally, baby-sit bigwig entertainers visiting Iowa City, organizing travel, food, shelter, and even, for Michael Franti and Spearhead, a carpet-clad shrine room filled with Buddha candles, an altar, and "green goodies."

The goodies, unfortunately for the barefoot rocker, never made it backstage. But for the young bookers, the sometimes silly demands are worth it.

Putting on a concert "is expensive, but a successful show makes up for it," said Adam Brill, a co-director of SCOPE.

As one of two people in charge of the student organization, it is his duty to "advance the show" — a phrase for planning an event.

For the most part, SCOPE brings musical acts to the university, but, this year, the

organization has tried to vary the schedule a bit. The result is Wednesday's comedy show at 8 p.m. in Hancher Auditorium featuring Pauly Shore and Dave Attell. Tickets are still available at the University Box Office.

The planning of an event requires fulfilling numerous requests specific to each artist. Musical acts are more expensive to produce because of all the technical trappings — sound, lights, security, stage, etc. — but comedians are by no means a lot cheaper way to go.

Comedians command higher pay than one might expect; fees into the high five-figures and even six-figures for the LA/New York comic jet setters are not uncommon, but "it really depends on the hype or celebrity status of the entertainer," Brill said.

Once an artist signs a contract to perform for the UI — each contract's monetary value and perks are private information — the act sends SCOPE a "tech rider" packet that outlines its preferred stage plot and speaker setup

and a "hospitality rider" — requests for food, beverages, and other personal items.

Inquiries over the years have landed nowhere short of outlandish, ranging from Slick Rick's demand that a SCOPE member guard his gold chains backstage during his set and insisting on a 50-foot meat-and-alcohol-free radius, to Ludacris' (whose concert was ultimately canceled) desire for his dressing room to be outfitted with a package of Magnum condoms.

Alcohol is often solicited but denied, because SCOPE cannot charge booze to the UI's credit card. But the group draws the line at acting as stage parent to the road-weary and travel-essential deprived.

"A lot of these bands are on tour, and they want personal goods that they need more of, such as batteries or socks, but we look at that stuff and tell them that's not the purpose of hospitality riders," Brill said.

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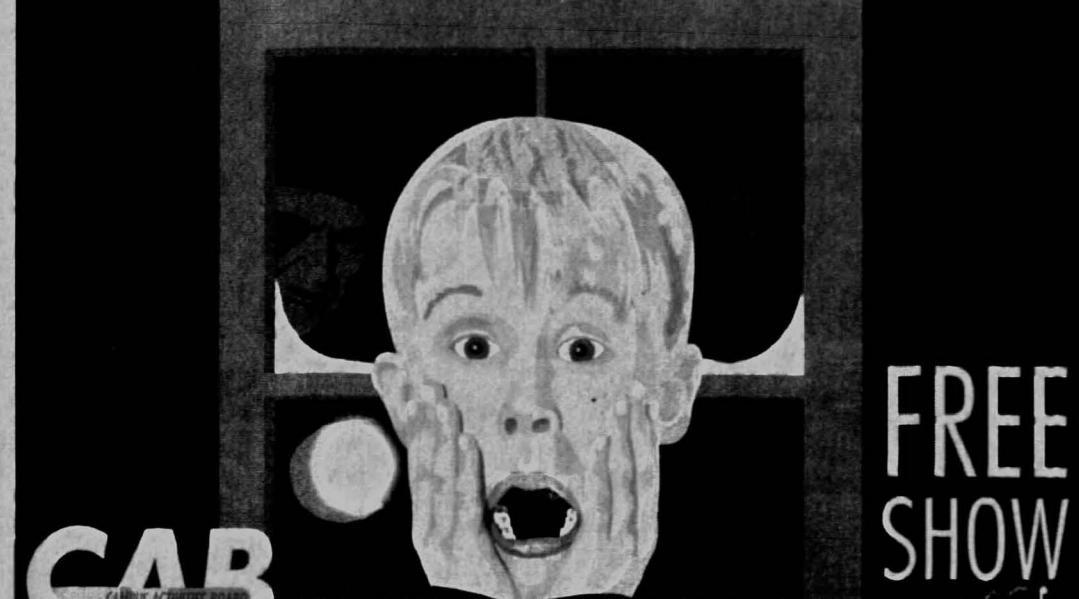
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NEWS

Saddam-trial witness recounts torture, killings

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — The first witnesses in the Saddam Hussein trial offered chilling accounts Monday of killings and torture using electric shocks and a grinder during a 1982 crackdown against Shiites, as the defiant ex-president threatened the judge and tried to intimidate a survivor.

One witness said he saw a machine that "looked like a grinder" with hair and blood on it in a secret police center in Baghdad where he and others were tortured for 70 days. He said detainees were kept in "Hall 63."

But defense lawyers questioned the reliability of witnesses who were only 15 and 10 at the time and walked out of the tumultuous session when the judge refused to allow former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark to address the court on Saddam's

behalf. They returned after the judge relented.

Throughout the daylong session, Chief Judge Rizgar Mohammed Amin struggled to maintain order among boisterous defense outbursts. Saddam and his co-defendant and half brother, Barazan Ibrahim, gestured and shouted together, "Long Live Iraq!"

"Everyone must remain calm and be civil," Amin said repeatedly.

Saddam and his seven co-defendants could be hanged if convicted on charges stemming from the deaths of more than 140 Shiites in the town of Dujail after an assassination attempt in 1982.

"I am not afraid of execution," Saddam proclaimed at one point.

"Why don't you just execute us and get rid of all of this," Ibrahim shouted at the judge.

The trial's first witness, Ahmed Hassan Mohammed, delivered a rambling, nearly

two-hour account of the events in Dujail in retaliation for an armed attack on Saddam's convoy.

Mohammed recalled how security agents rounded up townspeople of all ages, from 14 to more than 70.

"There were mass arrests. Women and men. Even if a child was 1-day-old, they used to tell his parents, 'Bring him with you,'" Mohammed said.

He said the agents took him and the others to the intelligence headquarters in Baghdad, where they were tortured before being transferred to Abu Ghraib prison.

Mohammed said his brother, who was at 17 at the time, was tortured while his 77-year-old father watched. Interrogators threatened to rape the prisoners' daughters and sisters if the men did not sign confessions, he said.

"Some men just said 'I will sign anything, but leave my sisters alone,'" he said.



David Furst, pool/Associated Press

Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (front right) and Barzan Ibrahim al-Tikriti (back right) berate the court during their trial in Baghdad on Monday. The Iraqi High Tribunal convened Monday for a third session of the trial of Saddam and seven co-defendants, accused in the 1982 killing of more than 140 Shiites after an assassination attempt against the president in Dujail.

WORLD

Suicide bomber kills 5 near Israeli mall

NETANYA, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up among shoppers outside a mall Monday, killing at least five people and putting pressure on Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for a tough response ahead of a fierce election campaign.

Sharon held an emergency meeting of his security Cabinet to decide how to respond to the attack, which wounded 40 people, while Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas threatened his own strong action against those responsible.

An Israeli driver who spotted the bomber carrying a suspicious bag toward the mall alerted police. A mall security guard hustled him away from

the entrance and pushed him against a wall, where the bomber detonated his explosives. The guard was among the five people killed, police said.

"If the bomber had gotten in, the result would have been much worse," said Israel's police chief, Moshe Karadi.

The bombing was the fifth since a truce took effect last February.

Islamic Jihad, a militant group that has carried out all five of the attacks, claimed responsibility for Monday's bombing, saying it was retaliation for Israeli killings of the group's leaders.

Israel and the Palestinians are in the middle of election campaigns, and more violence could hurt both Sharon and Abbas, who say they support returning to the internationally backed "road map" peace plan.

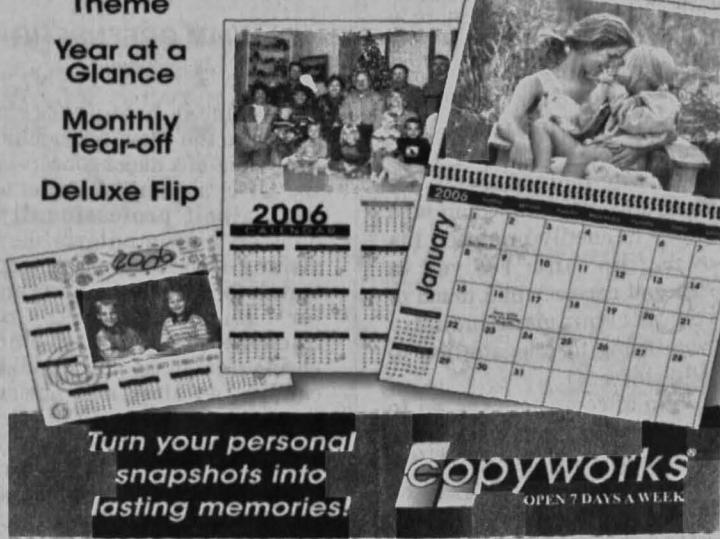
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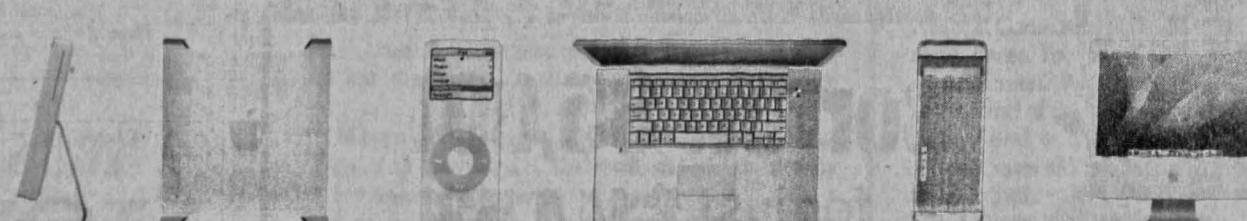
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The Iowa women State on Friday are off until the Hawaii Jan. 2-12.

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Phoenix 5, Atlanta 2

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Minnesota 91, Utah 77

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OUTBACK TICKETS

Tickets sold out

Just one day after Iowa and Florida were paired in the Outback Bowl, the game reached sellout status.

The only tickets available to the Jan. 2 bowl game are those that have been allotted to the participating schools. The Outback Bowl, which is soldout for the fifth-straight year, will include more than 40,000 out-of-area visitors to the Tampa area, bowl officials announced Monday.

"It's the hottest ticket we've ever had, which makes the celebration of our 20th anniversary even more special," said Jim McVay, the bowl's president and chief executive officer.

Sales of tickets at the Hawkeye athletics ticket office and packages to the official bowl tour sponsored by the Iowa Alumni Association have been "Rose Bowl-like." Fans can still order tickets by calling 1-800-IA-HAWKS, at hawkeyesports.com, or by stopping by the Carver-Hawkeye Arena ticket office.

— by Jason Brummond



Mike McMahon

NFL

Seahawks 42, Eagles 0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A cross-country trip to Philadelphia for a Monday night game in the snow hasn't exactly been a formula for success. Then again, these are not the same old Seattle Seahawks.

Using big plays on defense, including interception returns for touchdowns by Andre Dyson and rookie Lofa Tatupu, and smaller ones from their top-ranked offense, the Seahawks routed the Eagles.

• Neither are these the same Eagles who made the last four NFC championship games. Philadelphia (5-7) has been torn apart by injuries and the Terrell Owens affair and played its worst game since becoming an NFC force in 2001.

Certainly a better fight was expected. Yet the Seahawks (10-2) dominated from the outset, winning their eighth straight game, tying a team record set in 1984. They gained only 194 yards overall — the Seahawks were averaging 386 — but didn't need to do much after taking a 35-0 halftime lead.

SWIMMING

Swimmers, divers finish 6th

The Iowa swimming and diving squads both finished sixth at the Ohio State Invitational on Dec. 2-4.

Minnesota swept both sections of the three-day meet.

The Hawkeye women were led by Kelly Werner. The senior from St. Louis finished third in the 100 backstroke, fourth in the 200 backstroke, and eighth in the 100 butterfly.

Iowa diver Nancilea Underwood placed second in the 3-meter diving and fourth in the 1-meter. The Hawkeyes' 400 medley relay team of Werner, Emmy Haeger, Andrea Hemphill, and Katie Martin finished fourth, the highest placing for an Iowa women's relay.

On the men's side, freshman Nick Divan was Iowa's top finisher with a fifth-place in the 1,650 freestyle. Divan's brother, Paul Divan, added a seventh-place in the 200 breaststroke.

Senior Trevor Haley finished sixth in the 400 individual medley for the Hawkeyes.

The Iowa women will travel to Iowa State on Friday, while the men are off until their training trip in Hawaii Jan. 2-12.

— by Michael Schmidt

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WOMEN FACE CHANGES



'We've all learned huge lessons, and we're changing the things that we feel will make the difference this season. And we're just leaving the past behind us and forging ahead.'

— Larissa Libby, second-year women's gymnastics coach

BY BRENDAN STILES
THE DAILY IOWAN

Change is one thing the 2006 Iowa GymHawks squad has been forced to deal with a lot of in the past year.

As the team begins preparing for its first meet in mid-January, second-year coach Larissa Libby hopes being able to overcome adversity is something her team will do better at.

"We've all learned huge lessons, and we're changing the things that we feel will make the difference this season," she said. "And we're just leaving the past behind us and forging ahead."

The biggest change in this year's team is in the coaching staff. Libby now has two new assistants, Talya Vexler and Jeff Richards. Vexler, who comes over from Maryland, was a two-time NCAA All-American gymnast at Georgia. Richards, meanwhile, was recently the women's head coach at Winona State and, prior to that, at Wisconsin-Stout.

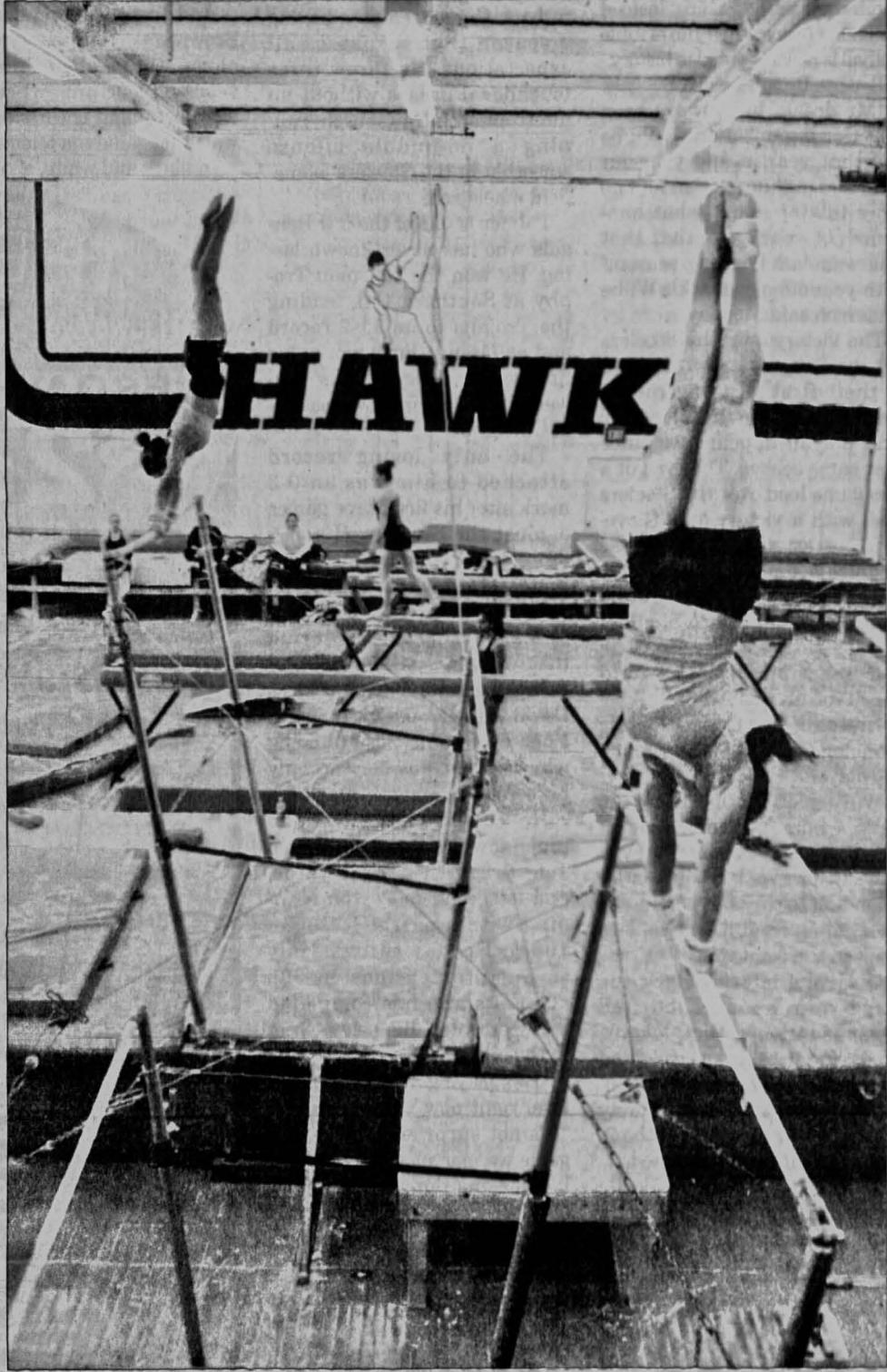
Libby believes that having two different assistants makes the team mesh much better.

"The women have transitioned so well, and I credit that to the team being open-minded and to the coaches just being that good to the team," she said.

Liz Grajewski, one of Iowa's two seniors (the other being Kortny Williamson), said that what Vexler and Richards both bring to the table will go a long way toward the team enjoying success.

"They're stable, they're positive, and they make you earn your spot and don't let you take it for granted," she said. "It's a 'hard work, play hard' mentality, and they're

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GymHawks Liz Grajewski (front) and Beth Dilick (rear) practice on the uneven bars in the Field House on Monday afternoon, Dec. 5, 2005. The Hawkeye women will compete in their first meet on Jan. 13, 2006, against Oregon State, BYU, and Florida.

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Domed again?

BY JASON BRUMMOND

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa basketball team's entering familiar territory — and this time it's a scary proposition.

The No. 12 Hawkeyes travel to Northern Iowa with a national ranking for the third time in five seasons, but they have dropped two straight in Cedar Falls. No one on Iowa's roster has won in the UNIDome, and Iowa coach Steve Alford said his team doesn't want history to repeat itself.

"I think our guys understand," he said on Monday. "We don't have anyone in the locker room who has won up there. It's got the making of a great basketball game, because both sides will compete awfully hard against one another."

Decreasing turnovers may be Iowa's best step to win up north.

The Hawks are averaging 15.5 turnovers a game, including 53 in the three games last week.

Against North Carolina State (19) and Fairfield (18), the Hawkeye turnovers have appeared self-forced and careless.

On many occasions, an Iowa transition or half-court offensive set has led to an errant pass or a ball through the intended receiver's hands.

"A lot of them have been pass-catch issues where we're just in a little bit of a hurry," Alford said. "We just have to continue working on the half-court issues. It hasn't been the pressure turnovers; it's us beating us."

The Panthers, picked by most to win the Missouri Valley Conference, return all five starters from last year's team, which won 21 games and reached the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight season.

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HAWKEYES

Struggles against UNI:

2004	W, 76-73
2003	L, 77-66
2002	W, 63-54
2001	L, 78-76

HAWKEYE FOOTBALL

Iowa gets Detroit recruit

BY TYSON WIRTH

THE DAILY IOWAN

A weak crop of seniors plagues Iowa prep football this year, so the Hawkeyes are recruiting by turning stones elsewhere. The search has produced oral commitments from New York to Texas and now inner-city Detroit.

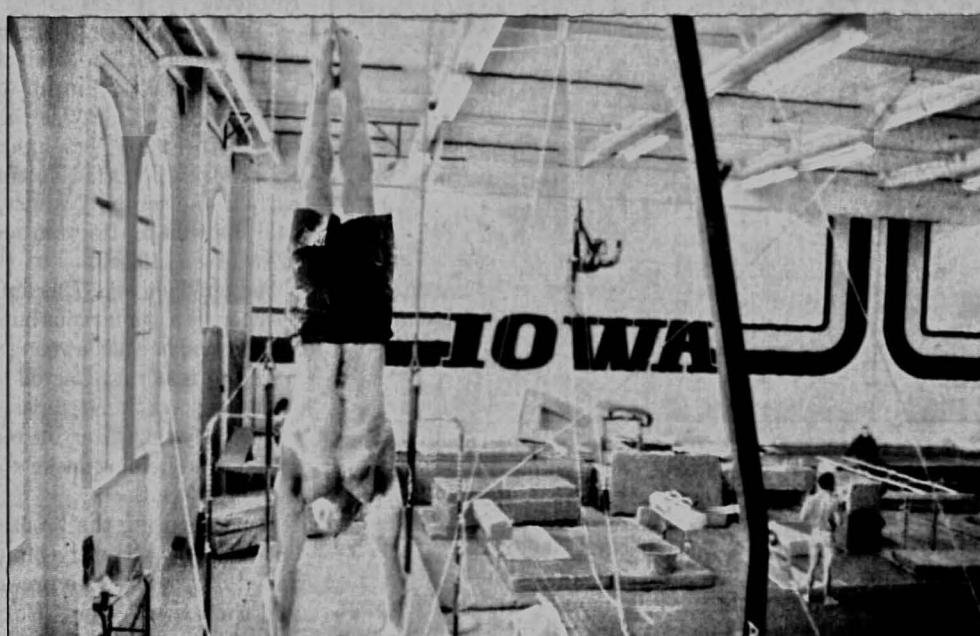
On Dec. 3, Dominique Douglas, a 6-1, 180-pound Hawkeye recruit receiver, pledged to become a Hawkeye. He's Iowa's 11th recruit of the 2006 class but its first from Detroit — a city that Rivals recruiting analysts Jeremy

Douglas

Hawkeye recruit

McNamara was expected to be a big contributor to the

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Hawkeye gymnast Jacques Bouchard, a team captain, practices on the rings Monday afternoon, in the Field House. The Hawkeye men are ranked ninth in the preseason.

The new system is designed to spread scoring out and separate good routines from great routines.

The changes stemmed from the dispute involving the scores that Hamm and fellow Olympians Yang Tae-Young and Alexei Nemov received. Their marks were extremely close, and with the stakes as high as they were, some asserted that the judging was less than fair.

Tae-Young challenged the results and even asked to receive a co-gold.

"The new code helps us

out a lot," said team captain Jacques Bouchard. "It allows a team such as us to excel with our clean routines."

The old scoring system isn't the only thing the Hawks will be without this year. Gone are floor exercise extraordinaire and All-American Michael McNamara and Big Ten and NCAA champion in the horizontal bar Linas Gaveika.

McNamara was expected to be a big contributor to the

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Hawkeye recruit

McNamara was expected to be a big contributor to the

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TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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 #5 Louisville 53, Richmond 45
 #11 Illinois 75, Arkansas-Little Rock 49
 #19 George Washington 78, #21 Maryland 70
 Iowa State 69, Drake 74
WOMEN
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HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today

Men's basketball at Northern Iowa, 7:05 p.m.

The best college QB ever?

BY JOHN NADEL
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Southern California was in deep trouble. The Trojans trailed Notre Dame 31-28 with 1:32 remaining, were stuck at their own 26-yard line, and had just used their final timeout.

It was fourth-and-9.

The crowd of 80,795 at Notre Dame Stadium was going nuts, sensing the Fighting Irish were about to snap USC's 27-game winning streak and end the Trojans' hopes for an unprecedented third-straight national championship.

USC's Matt Leinart never thought about that stuff, because he had a big play to make. He would make the biggest play of his life.

The reigning Heisman Trophy winner called an audible before throwing deep downfield. Dwayne Jarrett was well-covered but caught the perfectly thrown pass in stride and raced to the Notre Dame 13, completing a 61-yard play.

Leinart would later score on a sneak from inside the 1-yard line with three seconds to play, and the Trojans were winners in one of the most memorable finishes of the season.

No. 1 USC (12-0) has won seven games since, giving the Trojans a 34-game winning streak entering the Rose Bowl, where they'll face No. 2 Texas for the national title.

If USC wins, the argument can be made that Leinart will finish his career as the best quarterback in college football history for one simple reason — the Trojans' incredible record with the 6-5 left-hander from Santa Ana at the controls.

Right now, it's 37-1, with the lone loss a 34-31 triple-overtime



Ted S. Warren/Associated Press
 Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart drops back to pass in the first quarter against Washington on Oct. 22 in Seattle.

setback at California on Sept. 27, 2003.

"It just feels like we can't lose with him," USC offensive tackle Winston Justice said. "He's just so poised. When other quarterbacks would probably freeze up, Matt doesn't freeze up."

Leinart hadn't thrown a pass at USC when he became the Trojans' starting quarterback in 2003. He passed for 3,556 yards and 38 touchdowns with nine interceptions as a sophomore; 3,322 yards and 33 touchdowns with six interceptions last year, and 3,450 yards and 27 touchdowns with seven interceptions this season, with one game left.

Although teammate Reggie Bush appears to be the front-runner to win this year's Heisman, which will be awarded Saturday in New York, Leinart believes he's much better now than he was last season.

USC coach Pete Carroll agrees.

"There is no doubt," Carroll said. "How many

300-yard games did he have last year?"

The answer is two. This year, Leinart has passed for 300 or more yards in six games.

"That's just one barometer," Carroll said. "He's much more controlled. Everything about him is better, every single aspect. He is stronger, faster. His arm is great, his understanding, his confidence, his speed, his quickness, and his ability to make decisions and get rid of the football — and his ability to 'audible.'

Leinart, though, said he'll be happy to present his teammate with the Heisman.

"He's got my vote," Leinart said of Bush, whose 554 yards rushing in the last two games are the most ever by a USC player in back-to-back games.

As a Heisman winner, Leinart is one of the voters.

"I won last year, and I'm excited to go back, so I can give him the hug he gave me," Leinart said.

story. Win nine games? Many of them did that in college.

CINCINNATI — The Bungles are buried. Finally. For 14 years they were one of the NFL's constants — a constant source of losses and material for late-night comedians.

Their pratfalls and pathos endured through two stadiums, four head coaches, and a dozen quarterbacks. They lost so often that they made history — one of only three teams since 1950 to go 14 years without even one measly winning record.

A 38-31 victory Sunday in Pittsburgh changed everything. Instead of making history, their run of futile football is now relegated to history.

Bye-bye Bungles, Hello, Bengals. "My dream has always been that this organization would be one that year-in and year-out would be in this position and no more talking about what happened 14 years ago, that that was your last winning season," 10th-year offensive tackle Willie Anderson said Monday.

The victory over the Steelers left the Bengals at 9-3, assured of their first winning record since 1990 and on track for their first playoff appearance since that same season. They've got a two-game lead over the Steelers and, with a victory over Cleveland on Dec. 11, would own the tiebreaker, too.

As a result, a win over the Browns at Paul Brown Stadium coupled with a Steelers' loss to the Bears on Dec. 11 would clinch the division title.

Instead of making comic monologues, they would make the playoffs.

"We have an opportunity to have a home playoff game in Cincinnati," coach Marvin Lewis said. "We still have a lot of football to play, but it's time to stop hiding from it. It's time to go sit in the front row."

Until the latest victory, the third-year head coach had never mentioned the playoffs, preferring to take a nearsighted approach with his young team. When the season started, only 12 players remained from the 2-14 team that Lewis assumed.

The win in Pittsburgh evidently convinced him that this group won't get caught up in its success

around his fifth year."

Now that Palmer has gotten his personal breakthrough, the Bengals are in position to make a different sort of history. Bungling has been replaced by winning.

"It's a situation this organization hasn't been in for quite a while," Palmer said.

How long?

The last time the Bengals had a winning record, Sam Wyche was the coach, Boomer Esiason was the quarterback, and Ickey Woods was doing the touch-down celebrations — the Ickey Shuffle, in his case.

And franchise founder Paul Brown was still around to pass along stories about his early years of coaching, when fans were becoming enthralled with watching games on television.

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2006 campaign, but doctors have ruled him unable to participate after he dislocated neck vertebrae while practicing just weeks after the conclusion of last season.

"That was a huge blow to our team," said senior and 2005 NCAA vault champion Michael Reavis. "He could have helped us out tremendously."

The loss might not sting, with the All-American team pushing hard for the coveted Nissen-Emery award. Coach Tom Dunn calls it the "Heisman Trophy of gymnastics."

"He's one of the big guns," said the 27-year coach. "He'll be one of the top seniors, for sure."

Dunn decided to reduce the roster's size by three in the off-season in an effort to focus more on each student-athlete. The one problem with that — a possible lack of depth.

"We're not as deep as we would like to be, but we have enough," he said.

In addition to Bouchard — a rings specialist — and Reavis, sophomore Curtis Kleffman will be called upon

MEN LIKE NEW CODE



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan
Hawkeyes Jacques Bouchard (left) and Brian Bourland practice while the rest of the team warms up Monday afternoon in the Field House. The male gymnasts will travel to Chicago for their first competition, the Windy City Invitational, on Jan. 14, 2006.

to make up for the shortage in numbers.

Kleffman recorded 19 top-five finishes in his debut one year ago, and he can be a strong six-event competitor.

The squad looks to have a tremendous amount of balance to it. The 12-man traveling roster could include three members of each class.

"You never know what to expect from freshmen," Dunn said. "You never know what they'll do in the meet."

But youth and the mystery of a new scoring system don't have the Hawks burying their heads under the mats.

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Hoopsters off to Cedar Falls

BASKETBALL

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The team didn't finish higher than fourth in the conference during the decade before coach Greg McDermott arrived in 2001.

Northern Iowa (4-1) is paced by sophomore forward Eric Coleman, who is averaging 14.2 points and seven rebounds a contest. Guard Ben Jacobson, the Valley's leading scorer last season, pouts in 13.2 points a game.

Alford doesn't expect the veteran lineup, with two seniors and two juniors, to differ much from last year's club, but he thinks the Panthers will be more than ready for Iowa.

"I just think they're more experienced," he said. "When you have more experience, you just get better. There's not going to be anything new for them with us coming into their building."

One thing that may be different from a year ago for the Panthers is their long-range shooting accuracy.

Jacobson stroked 45.2 percent from 3-point territory in 2004, but he has converted only 6-of-21 attempts this season, for 28.6 percent. Point guard Brooks McKown hit better than 30 percent from downtown each of the last two seasons but has made just 1-of-13 attempts this year.

"They take care of the basketball — they don't beat themselves," Alford said.

"Everyone knows his role, and [the Panthers] play their roles very well every night."

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Iowa coach

The team's third starting guard, Erik Crawford, is shooting 17 percentage points worse than a year ago.

But unlike Iowa, which has struggled with its own shooting woes, the Panthers limit turnovers. Northern Iowa has turned the ball over 15 times just once and averages just 11.6 turnovers a game.

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Iowa snares wideout

RECRUIT

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Crabtree said is often under-recruited because of its hostile environment.

"It's just tough to recruit there. I was there a few weeks ago to talk to Dominique, and it's not exactly paradise," Crabtree said. "But Dominique really blew up as a senior and probably will wind up as one of the bigger steals Iowa gets from this class."

Douglas caught 85 passes and 18 touchdowns last season and added seven scores running and passing. Iowa is primarily recruiting the soon-to-be sports medicine major as a wideout but also talked to him about playing defensive back — he intercepted seven passes as a senior at Detroit Murray-Wright, a Class A team that finished 9-3.

Rated just a two-star recruit by Rivals, Douglas' speed may be his biggest weakness. He said he ran a 4.6 second 40-yard dash, a mediocre time for a wideout. Still, the newest member of the Iowa football program doesn't lack confidence.

"I see myself as a true freshman playing wide receiver for Iowa," said Douglas, who said he had scholarship offers from Bowling Green, Cincinnati, and Eastern Michigan, with interest from Ohio State and Michigan.

"They've only got five scholarship receivers coming back next year and seven this year. Every other school I looked at had at least 10 on its roster."

One receiver who will be at Iowa next fall is fellow recruit Anthony Bowman, from Orchard Lake, Mich. — just a Hail Mary from Douglas' home. The pair competed against each other during Little League and likely will room together in Iowa City.

Those two, along with Paul Chaney and James Cleveland, give Iowa four potential receivers in its 2006 recruiting class.

Douglas lacks in speed, he compensates for in running routes. The Iowa coaches first saw Douglas' film during the last week of November, Douglas said, and became so giddy that receivers coach Lester Erb phoned him at 11 that very night.

"Like my high-school coach told me every day, if I get off the line and run good routes, then no one can stop me," Douglas said.

Until now, the temptations of the inner city posed one of the only threats to stop Douglas. The man with a 30-inch vertical leap wanted a calm campus with few distractions. On his official visit last weekend, Iowa City proved to be just that. Except when it comes to football, of course.

"How they [fans] react to the football players there, it's just crazy," he said about watching a game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena with a few future teammates. "Because every five minutes, every player was asked for his autograph. And I mean every player."

Douglas better bring a Sharpie this fall.

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IN THE MIX (PG13)

FRI-SUN 1:10, 3:15, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

SHOP GIRL (R)

FRI-SUN 1:00, 3:10, 7:40

MON-THU 7:30, 9:45

GOOD NIGHT & GOODLUCK (PG)

FRI-SUN 1:15, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:40

MON-THU 5:20, 7:20, 9:40

KISS KISS, BANG BANG (R)

DAILY 5:20 & 9:50

SYCAMORE 12

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351-8383

AEON FLUX (PG-13)

12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

RENT (PG-13)

12:15, 3:20, 6:25, 9:30

ICE HARVEST (R)

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

BE SEASON (PG-13)

7:15, 9:35

JUST FRIENDS (PG-13)

12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13)

NOON, 1:00, 3:15, 4:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:45

WALK THE LINE (PG-13)

12:00, 12:45, 3:00, 3:45, 6:00, 6:45, 9:00, 9:45

ZATHURA (PG)

12:00, 2:10, 7:40

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R)

4:40 & 9:40

JARHEAD (R)

12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20

SAW II (R)

12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

PRIME (PG-13)

12:00, 2:20, 7:15, 9:15

CORAL RIDGE 10

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YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG)

12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)

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

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DERAILED (R)

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CHICKEN LITTLE (G)

12:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30

LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)

12:30 &

SPORTS

Huskers look to mine abundant Texas talent

BY ERIC OLSON

ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. — Nebraska's Alamo Bowl game against Michigan can give the Cornhuskers additional recruiting exposure in Texas and serve as a measuring stick for the progress the team has made the last two seasons, coach Bill Callahan says.

The Dec. 28 game at San Antonio's Alamodome should help Nebraska make a stronger push to sign players out of talent-rich Texas, he said on Monday.

Callahan has dedicated five assistant coaches — two more than a year ago — to recruiting Texas.

He said he plans to invite San Antonio-area high-school coaches to attend practices the week of the game, and he hopes prospective players stop by on their own. NCAA rules forbid Callahan and his staff from initiating contact with potential recruits at that time.

"There is just an abundance of players down there, and we have really committed ourselves to evaluating that area a little bit closer," Callahan said.

Nebraska has 10 Texans on its roster, but the Huskers have had limited success in signing players from the Lone Star state under Callahan.

Of the 15 players who are known to have orally committed to Nebraska's 2006 recruiting class, none is from Texas.

"Let's face it, we're playing the top two teams in the country," Callahan said.

No. 20 Michigan (7-4), the only team to beat third-ranked Penn State this year, is a good warm-up, Callahan said.

"They're just a few plays away from being a BCS team," he said. "It's a tremendous opportunity to improve ourselves as a program, to see where we're at, and give us that momentum we need to have going into the off-season."

Solich's last recruiting class featured six players from Texas, most of any state and one more than the state of Nebraska.

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• **Campus Activities Board Event, Amy Braun, Coffee House Noon Show**, noon, IMU Wheelroom

• **Math/Physics Seminar, "Neurino Oscillations as a Scattering Problem — Formal Scattering Theory with Macroscopic Tangents,"** 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall

• **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar, "Building a Superheterodyne Receiver to Observe the 21 cm Line,"** 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen

• **Operator Theory Seminar, "An Introduction to Quantum Markov Processes,"** 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen

• **A. Craig Baird Lecture, "Beginning (with) a Critique of Violence: Reconciling Truth, Amnesty, and Reparation in South Africa," Erik Doxander, University of Wisconsin-Madison**, 4 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building

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• **"Sick and Poor in Cedar County, Iowa: Local Government and the Poorhouse in the 1860s to 1880s," Marilyn Olson**, 5:30 p.m., 401 Hardin Library

• **Calico System, Chiodos, Torch the Morgue, and Spirit of the Stairway, 6 p.m.**, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

• **Peace Corps General Information Session**, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn

• ***El Crimen Perfecto*, 7 p.m.**, Bijou

• **Benjamin Coelho, bassoon, and Alan Huckleberry, piano, 7 p.m.**, Clapp Recital Hall

• **Helen Stellar, Mannix!, and My Electric Heart, 9 p.m.**, Yacht Club, 12 S. Linn

• **Fisheye Improv Comedy Group, 9 p.m.**, Mill, 120 E. Burlington

• ***The World*, 9:15 p.m.**, Bijou

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— Rachel Leon, the executive director of Common Cause New York, after New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg spent more than \$77 million to get re-elected this fall.

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BY JOHN CROTTY

WAYS TO IMPROVE THE BASKETBALL GAMES AT CARVER

- Instead of the yellow Hawk's Nest T-shirts, give every student one of those wife-beater tank tops and a 40-ounce of beer. ESPN will love this.

- Require everyone in the arena to stand at attention for the "Star Spangled Banner." Then, immediately afterward, require people to dance their asses off to "Hey Ya."

- When we play the Cyclones, introduce Haluska as, "The 6-5 junior from Iowa State ..."

- Really embrace the Hawk's Nest concept. At every time out, all the students tilt their heads back as they squawk and jiggle around. Then Herky is lowered from the rafters and regurgitates into their mouths.

- Teach the cheerleaders some new skills besides standing on each other's shoulders. Like juggling, maybe, or archery. I'm just not impressed anymore.

- Ball boys refuse to pass the ball to Horner for the shoot-around, then the crowd boos when he becomes infuriated and takes it from them.

- After 3-pointers, the cheerleaders launch pieces of the old Kinnick press box into the stands.

- Instead of picking on one of the visiting team's players, the student section picks on the visiting team's fans. Heckle the s*** out of them, until they can't stand it and run to the bathroom crying. Then high-five and pound your 40.

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Tuesday, December 6, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will blow everyone away with the powerful way you take charge. You will have the chance to start something new, and it is essential that you promote it. It's time to rebuild and step back into the fast lane.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Not everyone will understand what you are trying to do. In fact, someone is likely to stand in your way. Don't neglect what's important because you are spending too much time with one person. You can't let your responsibilities slip.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have everything and everyone under control, so make your move, and get what you want. A new look or way of doing things will bring you compliments. You can make a career move or position yourself for a promotion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get all worked up over nothing. You will take things the wrong way. Take a moment to do something nice for yourself. A partnership may need an adjustment — show greater understanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll stop at nothing, and that's exactly why you will get what you want. Your bold actions and good ideas will show everyone you have something worthwhile to offer. Confidence will make your day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't take on so much that you may fall short. Too much, too fast can result in a situation that will leave you feeling worried about your future. Don't expect anyone to come to the rescue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take on whatever you want. You will master whatever you try and prove how capable you are to those waiting for you to fail. If you want to ask for something, now is the time to do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It will be difficult for you to keep things in perspective today. Don't let anyone upset you; her or his comments will not be based on fact. Concentrate on a creative project, and ignore anyone trying to sabotage you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You really need to get away. Changes at home may not be your idea of a good time, but you may be pleasantly surprised how you feel about the end results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone you have known for a long time may help you out financially. An older relative may be confused and unable to make a decision for her- or himself. A day trip may help you sort out important family issues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone you respect will make you think twice about your personal life. A look at what you have done in the past, where you are now, and where you want to be is necessary if you want to make your life better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Once you realize that change is actually a good thing, you will find it much easier to get things done. Nothing is forever, and with that in mind, you should be able to open up to new people and new surroundings.

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2 St. Mary's Liturgy

3 Country Time Country

4 Gospel Explosion Ministry

5 Seed of Faith

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7:30 The Sports Stop: Early Edition

8 The Generic Sports Show Live

9 Medium

9:30 Songy Challenge

10 Iowa City Micromedia Presents

10:30 RBO TV

11 Christian Orthodox Church in Iowa City

11:25 2005 City High Hall of Fame Banquet

12:35 a.m. Bad Ideas

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3 p.m. Coley Pharmaceuticals Research Presentation

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