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COGS

TAs give school a 'D'

BY SAM EDSILL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Taking time out from grading papers and final exams, a group of teaching assistants on Monday gave the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences a report card on four issues important to graduate students.

Approximately 60 graduate students sat along the walls of Schaeffer Hall's second-floor lobby for a "grade-in" to protest a plan from the college that would reduce new TA positions by an estimated 3 to 4 percent of its 1,000 half-time positions over the next four years.

The plan will not eliminate current TA positions.

All UI colleges are trimming their budgets by 2 percent, with the saved money going toward university-wide faculty raises.

The protest, organized by the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students — the UTs graduate-student union — rated the liberal-arts school on commitment to undergraduate education, support of teaching and research assistants, allocation of resources, and communication skills.

The college averaged a D. "One of the things we believe is that this plan is going to exacerbate a situation in which TAs are already over-worked," said Patrick Oray, the president of the Local 896 COGS. Fewer TAs would force the college to cancel some courses or increase class sizes, he said.

Joseph Kearney, an associate dean for the liberal-arts school, said he attended the protest and spoke with many graduate students.

"We appreciate their legitimate concerns about graduate education," he said but noted that tight budgets have forced the college to make difficult choices. Ninety percent of the college's budget is in salaries, he said.

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SANTA CLAUS, IN THE NICK OF TIME

PHOTO ESSAY • BY PATRICK REED • THE DAILY IOWAN



Front Yard, 12th Street, Coralville. More photos, 6A.

Laboring through the snow on my nightly walk home, the wintry weather bewildered me. The white fluff accumulated on the façades of Iowa City's buildings, muting the town and its paths I knew so well. Feeling frustrated by the

diminished familiarity, I lifted my eyes to gather in my surroundings. Hard ice crystals viciously pelted my face.

But following this initial nastiness, I became aware of a beacon in the distance, glowing red and white. A burly face, with crinkly eyes, and a telltale beard loomed in the distance — Santa

Claus's face peered at me through the darkness.

I rapidly reviewed my conduct over the past months, evaluating the quality of my behavior — because in my youth, Santa was always watching.

As an adult, years have passed since I significantly contemplated Santa Claus. But the

giant face I encountered that night remained burned into my mind, long after I had left it blocks behind.

In the ensuing days, I noticed more and more Santas around town, and they ranged vastly in sizes and materials. Some were palm-sized, formed by factory molds,

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IOWA RIVER

Dirty water

Some avid anglers rethink their need to go fishing in the 'impaired' Iowa River

BY JASON PULLIAM
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jason Baxter grew up in Iowa City, and he is one of those guys who will go fishing for "pretty much anything."

The 27-year-old former UI student and West High graduate has heard many stories over the years about people who do not care to fish in the Iowa River. But then again, he said, sometimes, it is difficult to know what to think.

"I have heard rumors that people don't like to fish the river, but you also see quite a few people out there, too," he said.

Upon learning that the state Department of Natural Resources has labeled the river "impaired" because of high E. coli bacterial pollution, Baxter feels that many of the stories he has heard may be warranted, and he is "definitely less" inclined to fish in the Iowa River in the future.

"I think I'd probably say it's not something I would do on the weekend," he said. "Knowing that it's on the impaired list, it wouldn't make sense spending time catching fish, so I wouldn't bother keeping them."

Nor does he find the idea of eating fish from the Iowa River appealing, he added.

But for longtime Iowa City resident Lloyd Bender, nothing indicates the river's water quality is hurting fish populations.

"Everything that swims" can be found in the river, and before its winter ice began to form this year, it had produced an exceptional year of fishing, he said.

Bender, who has been fishing in the river since the 1950s, added that the area immediately below the Burlington Street dam has always been a great place to pull walleyes out of the river.

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Gliding past pet normality

BY MARK BOSWORTH
THE DAILY IOWAN



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Sugar gliders, such as the one pictured here on Monday, which is owned by UI students Lindsey Negaard and Kaysha Ballentine, are marsupials from Australia and Indonesia. They (the marsupials, not UI students) are legal pets in the United States with the proper licenses.

While most pet-owning students will need to find care for a dog or goldfish over the upcoming break, two UI students have a more "exotic" problem on their hands.

Bettendorf natives Kaysha Ballentine and Lindsey Negaard recently welcomed two sugar gliders — a type of marsupial native to Australia and Indonesia — as the newest members of their household.

They are scheduled to receive two more gliders later this month — at a price tag of

SUGAR GLIDERS

- Genus and Species name: *Petaurus breviceps*
- Location: Sugar gliders are one of the most common mammals in Australia. They can also be found in Tasmania and a large part of Indonesia.

\$325 per pair.

Radiating a glow similar to that of new parents, the pair describes the minuscule pets as their "babies."

"They're really intelligent," said Negaard, a sophomore.

"They are like little monkeys."

Sugar gliders are somewhat similar in appearance to small rodents, such as squirrels or hamsters, but are more closely related to kangaroos.

The creatures also have another distinguishing feature. Equipped with loose flaps of skin, the marsupials are able to glide through the air, much like a flying squirrel.

But because they are labeled as "exotic" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, sugar gliders are subject to different regulations from those covering more traditional pets. The rules on sugar glider owner-

ship vary, from state to state.

In Iowa, the critters from Down Under are considered legal pets if they are obtained from a lawful out-of-state breeder. The gliders must also be examined by a veterinarian for infectious or contagious diseases, said Dave Schmitt, a veterinarian with the state Department of Agriculture.

Iowa City also requires owners to acquire a restricted-animal permit, said Misha Goodman, the director of the Iowa City Department of Animal Services. Before being granted

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LEARNING CURVE

Jonathan Babineaux has learned a lot: Michael Vick is funny, and it's cheaper to buy chicken on the way to the airport. **1B**



SINGLE-MINDED

A UI senior will graduate with 3.48 GPA, degrees in nursing and English, and the knowledge of what it takes to be a full-time student and a single mother. **2A**

SYRIA FINGERED

A U.N. probe unearths more evidence that Syria was involved in the assassination of former Lebanese prime minister Rafiq Hariri. **5A**

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NEWS

Graduating Seniors | NENE AKPAN

Single mother ready to graduate

BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Strapping her 2-week-old child to her back, Nene Akpan zipped her jacket over him for warmth and marched through the cold Iowa winter in 2001 to her biology class.

The 18-year-old single mother, a UI freshman at the time, had a midterm coming up.

"If you don't take this on time," the instructor had said, "the midterm is going to be all written."

In what would prove to be typical of her four years at Iowa, Akpan couldn't find anyone to watch her son, so she decided to bring her baby along and take the test on time.

The instructor shot her an evil look as if to say, the baby had better not make any noise, Akpan said.

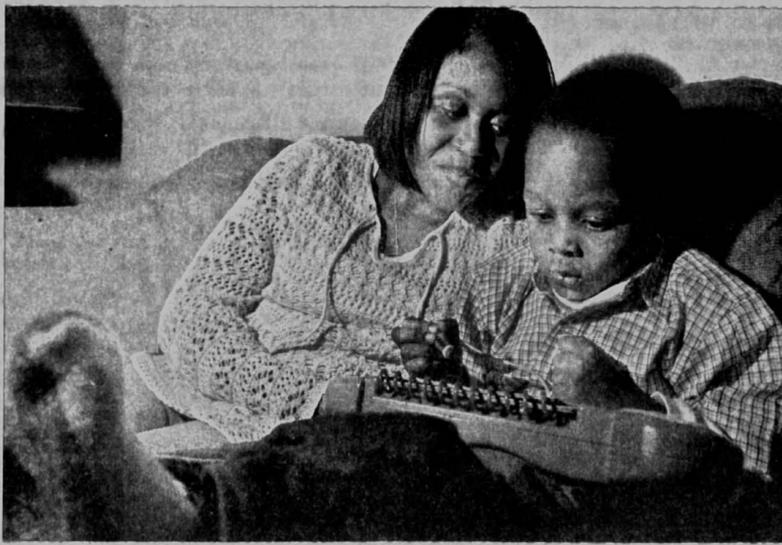
This was the Des Moines native's first fall semester at Iowa, but, more importantly, it wasn't her last.

Her last semester wouldn't come until she earned a degree in nursing and English, achieved a 3.48 GPA, secured a nursing internship, and celebrated son Tonye's fourth birthday.

During those four and a half years, the soon-to-be winter graduate had to remind herself to "put yourself together; you can have a nervous breakdown when you are out of school."

"I would rather struggle through these few years and be making six figures than struggle for the rest of my life and never make ends meet," she said.

Akpan came to the UI in the



UI graduating senior Nene Akpan sits with her 4-year-old son, Tonye, as he plays a game on his Leap Frog Leap Pad in their Pheasant Ridge apartment on Monday night. Akpan, a single mother who has maintained a 3.48 GPA, says, "When people tell me they couldn't do it, I say, 'Yes you could. If you had to, you could.'" *Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan*

summer of 2001, only two days after she had graduated from Hoover High in Des Moines. She has not taken a break since — working straight through every vacation.

Akpan loaded up on classes the first summer, allowing her to both stay on pace academically and have her child in the fall.

During her junior year, she decided to add an English major to her already heavy workload.

"I am always up for a challenge," she said.

Extreme fatigue tempted her to quit on more than one occasion, but she said her faith in

God has kept her going.

The second-born of three sisters, she is in school full-time, which included 225 hours of clinical nursing this past semester, and she works every Saturday at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids to pay for Tonye's daycare.

Daycare is a bit complicated when you are a single mother working and going to school full-time.

Reliable child services aren't offered on Saturdays, so every Friday, Akpan travels to her parent's house in Des Moines to drop off her son, drives back to Iowa City, journeys to Cedar

Rapids to work on Saturday, and finally, picks up her son on Sunday — returning to Iowa City that same night.

Akpan adopts the same attitude with motherhood as she does with her schoolwork — she goes it alone. Despite recently reconnecting with Tonye's father in California, she said, she would prefer if he were not involved, despite friends' suggestions that having a father in Tonye's life would be easier.

"I'm like, think so?" she said. "I do not believe it."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Benjamin Gehlsen, 23, 902 N. Dodge St. Apt. C2, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Taylor Rustian, 19, 617 S. Clinton St. Apt. 1, was charged Dec. 8 with PAULA.

Scott Robinson, 38, 433 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with driving while revoked.

Jamie Steffens, 19, 650 S. Johnson St. Apt. 9, was charged Dec. 8 with PAULA and unlawful use of a driver's license.

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Despite low pay, students still chase education degree

BY SUSAN ELGIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite the state's continued inability to pay teachers competitively, students are still pursuing degrees in education, UI officials said Monday.

Teachers' salaries in Iowa have hit a record low for the state, according to the National Education Association's 2005 report, which ranked Iowa 41st in the nation.

"I don't want to condone the dropping in ranking, but most people go into teaching for reasons other than the pay," said Linda Fielding, an associate dean of the UI College of Education.

The school continues to see high-quality students come into the program, and officials have not experienced an unintentional drop in enrollment, she said.

UI junior Maria Smith, an early education major, chose to

seek an education degree because her work in the classroom allows her to affect children. Whether or not she stays to teach in Iowa depends more on the availability of jobs than the salary.

"Pay for teachers is low," she said. "When going into teaching, I knew that it won't offer pay raises or rewards. Teaching doesn't get as much respect as it deserves."

Last year, teacher salaries increased 2.4 percent, which falls below the 3.1 percent inflation. The average teacher salary is \$39,284 in Iowa, compared with the No. 1 state, Connecticut, which pays its teachers an average of \$58,688.

Border-state Illinois pays teachers an average of \$55,629 a year.

In 1980, Iowa teacher salaries ranked 25th in the nation, but

they have fallen steadily since then, said Linda Nelson, president of the Iowa State Education Association.

"Other states have really bumped up their efforts, and they have gone above and beyond what Iowa has done for education," she said. "We need a sustainable fund for teacher salaries and to make the commitment over a number of years. How will Iowa be able to attract the best and the brightest into the profession?"

She believes the rankings will affect the number of students who choose to go into teaching and Iowa's ability to retain qualified teachers. The low teacher pay will make it even more difficult for school districts to replace veteran staff members with new, qualified teachers, she said.

Barb Henke, the president of the Iowa City Education Association and a math teacher in Iowa

for 23 years, believes that the lack of pay will keep quality teachers from staying in the profession. However, she said, the subject is complex, because many view teaching as a part-time job.

But she noted that with the No Child Left Behind legislation, increased demands are burdening teachers' time.

"I'm becoming more optimistic that the Legislature will do something, but the Legislature will only do something if citizens make them do it," she said.

Teacher pay and the quality of education are directly related to each other, Nelson said.

"If there is not a quality teacher in every classroom, students are not learning," she said. "In order to get quality, we have to pay them."

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Council moves rezoning ahead

BY REBECCA MCKANNA
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After seven public hearings and 17 changes to the proposed rewrite, city councilors voted to move the Iowa City zoning code forward by approving its first consideration at Monday's meeting.

Councilor Bob Elliott was the only member to oppose the first consideration. The concerns of some of the citizens who spoke at the final public hearing preceding the vote moved him to vote against the rewrite, he said.

The homeowners and renters argued that the new code would lower their property values by making it more difficult to rent

their property. Greg Allen, who has owned rental property in Iowa City for more than 20 years, said the city was at fault for not notifying property owners about the proposed changes to the code.

"The public is supposed to be notified by letter," he told councilors. "You cannot deny this — the people were not informed."

Allen's complaints also made Councilor Mike O'Donnell pause for a moment. But after a moment of silence, he proceeded to vote for the first consideration.

"I do think some of these complaints might be valid," he said. "But there's been a lot of work done on this, and I am going to vote yes, for right now."

But Elliott decided not to vote for the first consideration, although he had previously planned to do so.

"Whenever you diddle — I think that is the legal word — with the value of people's homes, then the city needs to make every effort to notify them of what is happening," he said. "I'm not comfortable. These people in these homes haven't been notified."

Mayor Ernie Lehman said he supported the first consideration because of the amount of work that had been put into the rewrite. The outgoing mayor also cited the wealth of opportunities available for citizens to voice their concerns at public hearings.

Councilor Dee Vanderhoef said the process of developing the code had been "arduous" and said the process had dragged on far too long. But she said she felt positively about the final version of the rewrite.

"Of course, we're all willing to tweak it, but I think we have to give it some time," she said. "We need to put it in place for a year — and fix anything that's glaringly wrong — but, otherwise, sit back, and see how it works."

Councilors will give the rewrite second consideration at today's meeting, with the potential to pass and adopt the new code at a special meeting on Thursday.

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METRO

Gurnett wins award

Donald Gurnett, a UI physics/astronomy professor, has received the Hannes Alfvén Medal from the European Geosciences Union for his accomplishments in solar-terrestrial and planetary solar-system sciences.

The award is named after the



Gurnett

1970 winner of the Nobel Prize in physics.

Gurnett will receive the award in Vienna, Austria, in April at the union's general assembly meeting, in which he

will also deliver an address.

He has been a UI faculty member since 1965 and has compiled a collection of 40 years' worth of space sounds, which inspired the internationally renowned multimedia musical piece "Sun Rings."

Gurnett's research facilitated the discovery of lightning in the atmos-

pheres of Jupiter and Neptune.

His instruments are being used to aid the search for underground water on Mars aboard the European Space Agency's Mars Express spacecraft. He also has instruments on NASA's Cassini spacecraft, which is in the midst of a four-year exploration of Saturn.

— by Jason Pulliam

Bush: 30,000 Iraqi dead

BY NEDRA PICKLER
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PHILADELPHIA — In a rare, unscripted moment, President Bush on Monday estimated 30,000 Iraqis have died in the war, the first time he has publicly acknowledged the high price Iraqis have paid in the push for democracy.

In the midst of a campaign to win support for the unpopular war, Bush unexpectedly invited questions from the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, after a speech asserting that Iraq was making progress despite violence, flawed elections, and other setbacks.

He immediately was challenged about the number of Iraqis who have lost their lives since the beginning of the war.

"I would say 30,000, more or less, have died as a result of the initial incursion and the ongoing violence against Iraqis," Bush said. "We've lost about 2,140 of our own troops in Iraq."

The U.S. military does not release its tally of Iraqi dead, but there is some consensus from outside experts that roughly 30,000 is a credible number. White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Bush was not giving an official figure but simply repeating public estimates.

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— President Bush

Another questioner challenged the administration's linkage of the Iraq war to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Bush said Saddam Hussein was a threat and was widely believed to have weapons of mass destruction — a belief that later proved false.

"I made a tough decision. And knowing what I know today, I'd make the decision again," Bush said. "Removing Saddam Hussein makes this world a better place and America a safer country."

Monday's speech represented a departure from Bush's standard format, where he speaks before friendly audiences — often cheering members of the military — and does not open himself to questions. He refused to take audience questions after an Iraq speech before the Council on Foreign Relations last week, even though the group has a tradition of such queries. Bush will make another speech on Iraq on Wednesday, the last in a series of four addresses leading to Iraq's parliamentary elections.

Monday's trip brought Bush to the home state of one of his leading critics, Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., a Vietnam veteran who had initially supported the war. Hundreds of antiwar protesters booed and chanted, "Shame, shame!" as the president's limo passed.

At a reception five blocks from Bush's speech, Murtha said U.S. troops should be withdrawn. "It's not going to get better with us over there," the congressman said.

The U.S. government-financed Arabic-language television service, Alhurra, carried Bush's remarks live, but they were not shown on Al-Jazeera or Al-Arabiya or any of the Iraqi television stations. Most Iraqis disapprove of the presence of U.S. forces in their country, yet they are optimistic about Iraq's future and their own personal lives, according to a new ABC News poll conducted with *Time* magazine and other media partners.

Mice created carrying human brain cells

BY PAUL ELIAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Add another creation to the strange scientific menagerie where animal species are being mixed together in ever more exotic combinations.

Scientists announced Monday that they had created mice with small amounts of human brain cells in an effort to make realistic models of neurological disorders, such as Parkinson's disease.

Led by Fred Gage of the Salk Institute in San Diego, the researchers created the mice by injecting approximately 100,000 human embryonic stem cells per mouse into the brains of 14-day-old rodent fetuses.

Those mice were each born with about 0.1 percent of human cells in each of their heads, a trace amount that doesn't remotely come close to "humanizing" the rodents.

"This illustrate that injecting human stem cells into mouse brains doesn't restructure the brain," Gage said.

Still, the work adds to the growing ethical concerns of mixing human and animal cells when it comes to stem-cell and cloning research. After all, mice are 97.5 percent genetically identical to humans.

"The worry is if you humanize them too much, you cross certain boundaries," said David Magnus, director of the Stanford Medical Center for Biomedical Ethics. "But I don't think this research comes even close to that."

Researchers are nevertheless beginning to bump up against what bioethicists call the "yuck factor."

Three top cloning researchers, for instance, have applied for a patent that contemplates fusing a complete set of human DNA into animal eggs in order to manufacture human embryonic stem cells.

One of the patent applicants, Jose Cibelli, first attempted such an experiment in 1998, when he fused cells from his cheek into cow eggs.

"The idea is to hijack the machinery of the egg," said Cibelli, whose current work at Michigan State University does not involve human

material, because that would violate state law.

Researchers argue that co-mingling human and animal tissue is vital to ensuring that experimental drugs and new tissue replacement therapies are safe for people.

Others have performed similar experiments with rabbit and chicken eggs, while University of California-Irvine researchers have reported making paralyzed rodents walk after injecting them with human nerve cells.

Doctors have transplanted pig valves into human hearts for years, and scientists have injected human cells into lab animals for even longer. But the brain poses an additional level of concern, because some envision nightmare scenarios in which a human mind might be trapped in an animal head.

'Human diseases, such as Parkinson's disease, might be amenable to stem-cell therapy, and it is conceivable, although unlikely, that an animal's cognitive abilities could also be affected by such therapy.'

— National Academies of Science report

"Human diseases, such as Parkinson's disease, might be amenable to stem-cell therapy, and it is conceivable, although unlikely, that an animal's cognitive abilities could also be affected by such therapy," said a report issued in April by the influential National Academies of Science that sought to draw some ethical research boundaries.

So, the report recommended that such work be allowed but with strict ethical guidelines established.

"Protocols should be reviewed to ensure that they take into account those sorts of possibilities and that they include ethically sensitive plans to manage them, if they arise," the report concluded.

At the same time, the report did endorse research that co-mingles human and animal

tissue as vital to ensuring that experimental drugs and new tissue replacement therapies are safe for people.

Gage said the work published Monday in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* is another step in overcoming one of the biggest technical hurdles confronting stem cell researchers: when exactly to inject the cells into patients.

The results suggest that human embryonic stem cells, once injected into people, will mature into the cells that surround them. No known human has ever received an injection of embryonic stem cells, because so little is known about how those cells will mature, once inside the body.

For now, Gage said his work is more geared toward understanding disease than to finding a cure.

"It's a way for us to begin to tease out the way these diseases develop," Gage said.

Human embryonic stem cells are created in the first days after conception and give rise to all the organs and tissues in the human body. Scientists hope they can someday use stem cells to replace diseased tissue. But many social conservatives, including President Bush, oppose the work, because embryos are destroyed during research.

Stem cell researchers argue that mixing human and animal cells is the only way to advance the field, because it's far too risky to experiment on people; so little is known about stem cells.

"The experiments have to be done, which does mean human cells into non-human cells," said Dr. Evan Snyder, a stem cell researcher at the Burnham Institute in San Diego. "You don't work out the issues on your child or your grandmother. You want to work this out in an animal, first."

Snyder is injecting human embryonic stem cells into monkeys and is convinced that there's little danger.

"It's true that there is a huge amount of similarity, but the differences are huge," Snyder said. "You will never ever have a little human trapped inside a mouse or monkey's body."

Iowa may lose House seat

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Population shifts to warmer Southern states will likely result in Iowa losing one of its five seats in the U.S. House after the 2010 census, said a consultant that specializes in redistricting.

It would be the second House seat Iowa has lost since the 1990 census.

Election Data Services, a Washington consulting firm that specializes in redistricting and other election analysis, predicts that Iowa, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania will lose seats after the 2010 census, based on 2004 census population estimates. Arizona, Florida, Texas, and Utah would gain seats.

Kim Brace, the president of Election Data, said he sees little sign that current trends of rapid growth in the South and West will change.

"Iowa is pretty certain, in terms of losing a seat," he said. "People continue to go to where the nicer weather is, basically."

Some of the migration has to do with bone-chilling days, such as those the state has experienced this month. Census figures show Sun Belt states are fielding population

increases, while Snow Belt states are staying the same or losing.

Political analysts said losing a congressional representative can be significant.

"As a state, you lose influence in the House," said Arthur Sanders, a Drake University political scientist.

Sanders and others said the Iowa could see less political support for federal farm-subsidy programs, which funnel billions of dollars into the state, less clout on highway bills, less help for Iowans having problems with the federal government, and the loss of a member of Congress with seniority and familiarity with the state's key issues.

Ed Redfern, a consultant and former Iowa congressional aide, said he worries that Iowa might slip when it comes to influence in obtaining federal money. "It always helps to have more members," he said.

Spokeswomen for the state's Democratic and Republican parties say there has been no discussion yet among their leaders on the implications of losing another congressional seat.

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Iraq voting begins; militants call voting 'satanic'

BY PATRICK QUINN
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BAGHDAD — Soldiers, patients, and prisoners began voting Monday in national elections, three days ahead of the general population, while insurgents denounced the balloting as a "satanic project" but did not threaten to attack polling stations.

The early voting went ahead despite the sound of detonations rumbling across the capital and at least 15 deaths in ongoing violence.

President Bush offered encouraging words from Washington to Iraqi voters but cautioned that the parliamentary elections "won't be perfect."

"Iraqis still have more difficult work ahead, and our coalition and a new Iraqi government will face many challenges," the president said in a speech in Philadelphia.

Asked about the number of Iraqi casualties from the war and the insurgency, Bush said: "I would say 30,000, more or less, have died as a result of the initial incursion and the ongoing violence against Iraqis." White House counselor Dan Bartlett later said the number was not an official figure but that Bush was simply repeating public estimates reported in the media.

In a rare joint statement, Al Qaeda in Iraq and four other Islamic extremist groups denounced the election as a "satanic project" and said that "to engage in the so-called political process" violates "the legitimate policy approved by God."

The groups vowed to "continue our jihad ... to establish an Islamic state ruled by the book [the Koran] and the traditions of the Prophet Muhammad."

However, the statement contained no clear threat to disrupt voting as in the run-up to the Jan. 30 election and the Oct. 15 referendum on the Constitution.

The authenticity of the statement could not be verified, but it appeared on a website that often publishes extremist material.

The absence of a clear-cut threat could reflect the growing interest among Sunni Arabs, the foundation of the insurgency, to take part in the election. The Sunni decision to

boycott the January ballot left Parliament in the hands of Shiites and Kurds — a move which increased communal friction and cost the Sunnis considerable influence in drafting the Constitution.

A leaflet that appeared Monday in the Baghdad Sunni stronghold of Azamiyah acknowledged that Sunni Arabs could make gains in the election but that "fighting will continue with the infidels and their followers."

"Iraqis still have more difficult work ahead, and our coalition and a new Iraqi government will face many challenges."

— President Bush

The statement was unsigned but was written in a style favored by Islamic extremists.

U.S. officials hope for a large turnout among the disaffected Sunni Arab minority, a development which could produce a government capable of winning the trust of the Sunnis and defusing the insurgency. That would enable U.S. and other foreign troops to begin heading home next year.

"Many Sunnis are campaigning vigorously for office this time around," Bush said. "Many Sunni parties that opposed the Constitution have registered to

compete in this week's vote."

In the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, hooded men carrying assault rifles erected campaign posters.

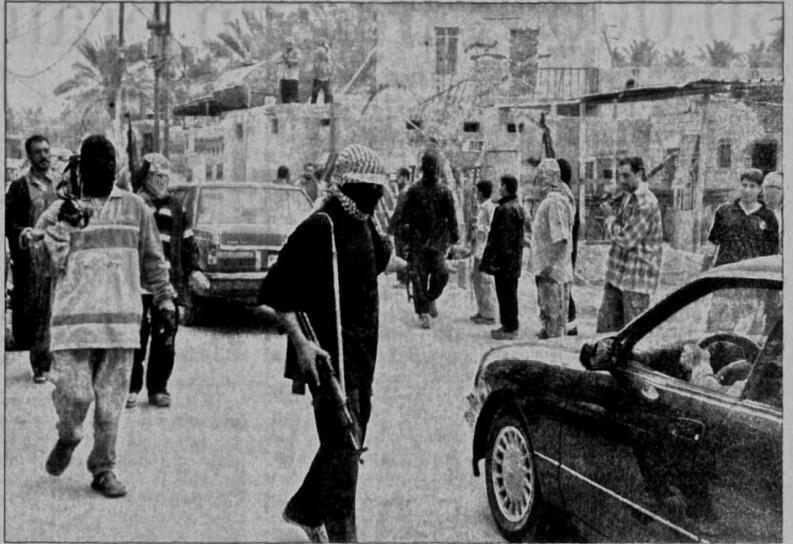
The men, who claimed to be insurgents, raised a large banner supporting a Sunni Arab candidate. Standing next to them was a man, wearing no mask and carrying no weapon, holding up a poster for other Sunni candidates.

"Elect them for the sake of defending the rights of the Iraqi population," the first banner said. "They have pure hands," said the second.

In the first day of early voting, about 250,000 Iraqis — soldiers, police, hospital patients, and prisoners — cast ballots, according to election official Abdul-Hussein Hendawi. Iraqi television aired footage showing inmates in orange jumpsuits depositing their ballots in jailhouse boxes.

The U.S.-led multinational force said 90 percent of all eligible detainees held in facilities under its control participated in the vote. It did not release the number represented by that percentage. Suspected insurgents held in detention but not convicted were eligible to vote, officials said.

Deposed leader Saddam Hussein, who is jailed and facing trial for the deaths of more than 140 Shiites in 1982, could also vote,



Bilal Hussein/Associated Press

Hooded men carrying assault rifles check passing cars in Ramadi, Iraq, on Monday as Thursday's parliamentary elections approach. The men held up campaign posters for the Iraqi Accordance Front, a major Sunni alliance.

but it was not known if he did.

Abroad, an estimated 1.5 million expatriate Iraqis will begin voting Tuesday over a two-day period in polling centers in 15 countries including the United States.

Most of the 15 million registered voters go to the polls Thursday.

Sunni Arab politicians have promised an end to what they

term abuse at the hands of the Shiite-dominated security services. As voting began, the Human Rights Ministry and the U.S. military said that 13 prisoners were hospitalized after being found at an overcrowded prison run by the Shiite-led Interior Ministry.

Later Monday, Al-Jazeera television aired a video allegedly showing abuse at

another Interior Ministry facility in western Baghdad. The footage showed dozens of men, many with welts and bruises. The station did not say how it obtained the footage or when the alleged incidents took place.

Bush said Iraqi prisoners held in secret detention centers apparently were beaten and tortured.

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U.N. probe finds Syrians involved in killing

A U.N. report reveals evidence of high-level Syrian and Lebanese involvement in the assassination of Lebanon's former prime minister, Rafiq Hariri, on Feb. 14.

BY NICK WADHAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — A U.N. probe into the assassination of Lebanon's former prime minister has unearthed evidence that strengthens its suspicion of high-level Syrian and Lebanese involvement in the slaying, a report said Monday.

The report accused Syria of trying to hinder the probe into Rafiq Hariri's Feb. 14 slaying. The finding, released the same day that a leading anti-Syrian activist and witness in the U.N. investigation was killed in a similar Beirut bombing, raises the threat of Security Council action against Damascus — possibly including sanctions.

The team, led by the German prosecutor Detlev Mehlis, said Syria had arrested and threatened relatives of one witness, Husam Taher Husam, shortly before he recanted earlier testimony last month. "Preliminary investigation leads to the conclusion that Mr. Husam is being manipulated by the Syrian authorities," the report said.

In October, Mehlis' team had released findings that implicated top Syrian and Lebanese security officials in Hariri's slaying and said greater Syrian cooperation was needed. Syria denied involvement in the blast and accused Mehlis of bias. The Security Council then passed a resolution demanding that Syria cooperate fully and threatening unspecified further measures. Mehlis was to brief the council today. Council diplomats

would not say what the next step will be, and they appear to be divided on whether to take tough action against Syria.

Algerian Ambassador Abdallah Baali said that Mehlis' report showed Syria had generally cooperated despite some initial problems. U.S. Ambassador John Bolton was more critical, pointing to witness manipulation as an example of continued resistance. "That is not cooperation, ladies and gentlemen, that is obstruction of justice by the government of Syria," Bolton said.

The report said his investigators had identified 19 suspects in Hariri's slaying, including five high-level Syrian officials interviewed in Vienna earlier this month and one whose interview was postponed. The six were not named, but U.N. diplomats there said Rustom Ghazale, the last Syrian intelligence chief in Lebanon who was in charge when Hariri was assassinated, was among those interviewed.

The suspects also include four prominent Lebanese generals, under arrest in Lebanon, and a man under arrest in France.

Tension in the region ratcheted up earlier Monday when another car bomb killed a prominent anti-Syrian journalist and lawmaker in Lebanon, Gibran Tuani. His killing was the latest in a string of assassinations of anti-Syrian figures in Lebanon, and many quickly accused Damascus.

Mehlis had interviewed Tuani as part of his investigation and quoted him in the October report as saying Syrian President Bashar Assad had once threatened Hariri's life. Tuani said Hariri had told him of the threat in 2004.

Syria denied involvement in

that blast as well. Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora said he will ask the United Nations for a new inquiry into Tuani's slaying and previous bombings and to create an international tribunal to try suspects in the Hariri assassination.

Hariri's assassination set off anti-Syrian street protests in Lebanon and intense international pressure that forced Damascus to withdraw its troops from Lebanon a few months later, ending nearly three decades of military domination.

While his previous report included information about evidence related to Hariri's slaying, this time Mehlis refused to discuss many specifics to protect witnesses.

He did mention several new findings, including that two of the witnesses interviewed in Vienna claimed all Syrian intelligence documents about Lebanon had been burned.

Mehlis said a new witness came forward in October with evidence pointing again to an "organized operation" to kill Hariri. The witness told of efforts by both Syrian and Lebanese intelligence services to recruit agents for the job.



A Lebanese man lights a candle under pictures of slain anti-Syrian journalist and lawmaker Gibran Tuani during a vigil in front of Tuani's *An-Nahar* newspaper in Beirut, Lebanon, on Monday.

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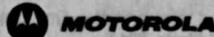
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SANTA'S LEGEND LIVES ON, IN FRONT YARDS & MALLS

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while others were a safety hazard in their sheer massiveness, hand-carved from wood.

And the more I observed the popularity of Santa Claus, the more I thought about what he used to mean, the legend behind the man, and how much this has changed.

The origins of Santa Claus are neither complicated nor obscure. His beginnings date back to the fourth century C.E. in what is now Turkey, where Bishop Nicholas would throw gifts through the windows of poor children's shanty houses. Over centuries, this story was adopted and applied to a variety of Christian denominations, with his name evolving depending on the locale.

However, the contemporary icon of Santa Claus, complete with red suit and jolly demeanor, comes from Clement Clarke Moore's 1823 poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," (commonly known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") in which these details, as well as myths about chimney travel, reindeer, and omniscience were described. (Recent scholarship has cast doubts on Moore's being the poem's author.)

Eventually, Santa Claus became irreversibly imbedded in the collective consciousness. Mass production contributed to significant changes in his image, as he appeared as dolls, in shopping malls, and, most significantly, in film. The early movies dealing with Santa stayed relatively true to his legacy, such as the classic *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947).

However, as cinematic adaptations grew in number, liberties were taken here and there — attributing him the power to perform miracles, save lives, and disintegrate in midair — all while singing and dancing.

It was not long before Santa debuted in horror flicks, acquiring the ability to kill in *Santa Claws* (1996), *Silent Night, Deadly Night 1-3* (1986-1989), and the ever-popular *Zbogum na Dvadesetiot vek* (1998) from the Republic of Macedonia. The adult-film industry even partook in the festivities with *Here Cums*



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Santa Claus (2001).

However, in spite of the excessive commercialization and bastardization of a wholesome tradition, a large demographic still exists that upholds the tradition of Santa Claus and actively supports his existence. Deep in the Finnish Lapland, in Napapiiri, a man has assumed the role of Santa, keeping his cozy home open to visitors year around and accepting "Dear Santa" letters. Thus, I took it upon myself to pen a note.

Printing carefully in red ink on wide ruled paper I wrote: "Dear Santa. How does it feel to star in your own pornographic film? Do tell. Sincerely, Patrick Reed."

I then shuffled to the nearest mailbox to complete the task.

More than 100 years ago, 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the *New York Sun* questioning the existence of Santa Claus, to which she received the answer in Francis Church's famous editorial, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," thus creating the quintessential believer. I wonder



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how she would feel now observing the shopping mall's Santa on cigarette breaks, if the two of us would get along, and how she would respond to my thoughts. I would like to believe that she would provide me with dazzling answers and reprimand me for

my cynicism, but I cannot help suspecting that she would just be very sad.

As I write this, I look out the window and notice that it is snowing again.

Across the yards, the neighbors have a glowing Santa face in their window. Seeing it, I stop, wondering if those wise, all-

knowing eyes are really watching me or if it is just a meaningless, vacant stare. I will check the mail every day now for the next few weeks — curious if Santa will write me back.

I'm a little hopeful that he will and a little afraid that he won't.

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"In the spring, you'll see [anglers] shoulder-to-shoulder down there," he said.

Despite what Bender has seen, biological factors in the water have led to declines in other species, according to Natural Resources. Tests dating to 1984 show up to a 50 percent decline in the river's freshwater mussel population, department officials said.

That "impairment" is listed separately from the E. coli pollution — which comes from untreated human and non-human fecal material — but denotes the challenges that confront water quality monitors.

That's where Katie Foreman — a UI alumna with a M.A. in geography — comes into the picture.

'It's very much a puzzle'

In an aqua-colored warehouse tucked inside the UI Oakdale campus, she rounds up the assorted instruments and measurement tools she will need to collect water samples on a dreary mid-November morning.

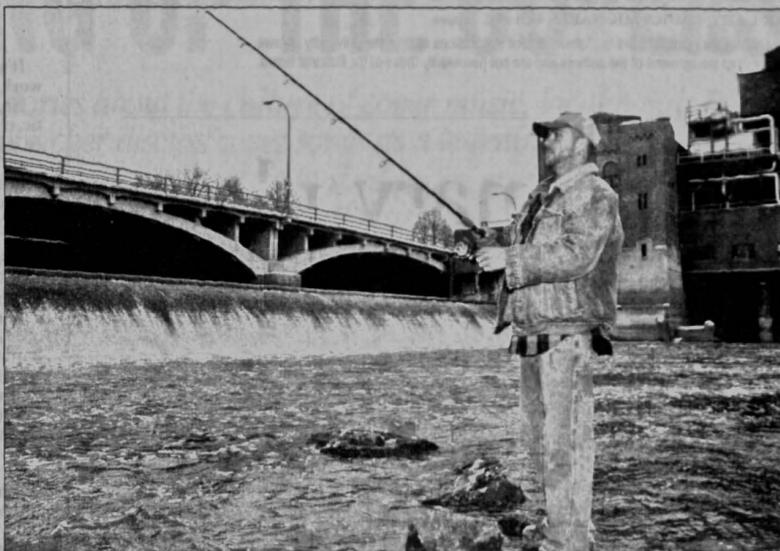
The dozens of pieces of equipment she loads into a maroon Natural Resources SUV indicate the complicated task set before her: helping to identify the sources of the Iowa River's E. coli pollution.

"It's very much a puzzle," says Foreman, a project assistant in the Iowa Geological Survey Bureau's water-quality monitoring section. "There is a depletion, and that tells you the water resource has been altered in a way that negatively affects populations."

Since June, she has conducted tests at nine different sites on the Iowa River and its tributaries.

"We're getting a better idea of what's going on," Foreman said. "Geographically, we're beginning to see where the hot spots are."

The polluted segment of the Iowa River consistently surpasses E. coli levels deemed safe for



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Coralville resident Joe Lundgren reels in his line while fishing for walleye near the Burlington Street dam on Monday. Lundgren, who likes to fish approximately five times a week, eats the fish from the Iowa river all the time, he says.

primary human contact uses, such as swimming and wading.

Aside from a range of serious illnesses, such as ear, skin, respiratory, and digestive infections associated with E. coli exposure for humans, the pollution can also threaten aquatic life in the river's ecosystem.

In the roughly 8-mile stretch of the E. coli-riddled river, several different creeks feed into the river, and, with their water comes all of their baggage. One of the "hot spots" to which Foreman referred is Clear Creek.

The stream drains into the river in Coralville near the Iowa River Power Restaurant. In the nearly seven months since Foreman began overseeing the weekly monitoring, samples collected from Clear Creek have yielded troubling results.

The E. coli level that is considered safe for human contact

in water used for recreation is 235 bacteria colony-forming units per 100 milliliters. In Clear Creek, one site has registered an average of nearly 10,000, and another has measured above 8,100 since June.

Foreman's water samples are being used to complete a "total maximum daily load" report for the river. The report will determine how much E. coli the river can withstand daily and still meet state water-quality standards.

"The problem is [the E. coli] coming from so many sources," Foreman said.

Funding on the decline

The maximum daily load program operates under the slogan of "repairing the impaired," but the program itself is rebuilding.

The staff responsible for analyzing data submitted by field monitors such as Foreman has

been operating at half capacity — reduced from six to three — for several months, making it difficult for the members to shoulder the workload.

The staffing shortfalls have forced Natural Resources to outsource the Iowa River report to the Kansas City, Kan., regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. To date, Natural Resources has never completed a maximum daily load report for a major river, although several are ongoing, and officials say the department is on track to complete its list ahead of schedule.

"It's definitely slowed us down and caused us to look for other available resources," said Chris Van Gorp, a senior environmental specialist in Natural

FEDERAL FUNDING

Federal Grant Funding for Iowa Watershed Improvement:

2002-04: Roughly \$5.3 million

2005: Roughly \$4.6 million

2006: If the expected 10 to 15 percent cuts come, grant funding will be roughly \$3.9 million

Source: Allen Bonini, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

"The investment has yet to be made. There is no targeted state money for the [total maximum daily load] program. They're left trying to patch together money from the monitoring budget and from federal EPA funds."

— Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council research director

Resource's watershed-improvement section.

The effort to restore the Iowa River is certain to cost a lot of money. Federal grants pay for the maximum daily load program, and Allen Bonini, the section supervisor for Natural Resources' watershed improvement, said funding is likely to suffer cuts.

"EPA has indicated some of the funds are likely to be rescinded," he said. "At this time, it appears the amount Iowa will receive in its 2006 grant will be from 10 to 15 percent less than it received in 2005."

That does not sit well with Susan Heathcote, the research director of the Iowa Environmental Council — a grass-roots organization that works to improve Iowa's environment.

"We're trying to do these very complicated assessments on the cheap," she said. "I really see that as the biggest flaw as we move forward trying to do [maximum daily loads] on larger rivers."

The risks posed by not cleaning up the river's pollution extend beyond the realm of aesthetics and ecology. Mounting

research suggests that poisoned waterways could potentially harm the economy.

Cathy Kling, an Iowa State University economics professor, said her recent research shows a positive relationship between clean water and healthy local economies.

"We have found very clear evidence that people respond to water quality in their choice of what lakes to visit and spend their time and money," she said. "In particular, we find that people will drive farther to get to cleaner lakes."

While her research is not easily transferred to a river, Kling said, ample evidence supports the notion that Iowans think improved water quality is worth its price tag.

Mary Skopec, the section supervisor of the Iowa Geological Survey Bureau's water-quality monitoring section, believes the longer the Iowa River's pollution goes unresolved, the more it will threaten species diversity and produce more people who feel the way Baxter does about the river.

"I think it just comes down to this resource not being appealing to recreate in or be near," she said. "These resources are few and far between, and we're not getting any more of them."

That's why Foreman continues to go through the time-consuming ritual of gathering the dozens of pieces of equipment to collect water samples — a vital component to correcting what she describes as the river's "chronic E. coli problem."

"The average person should care, because everyone has a stake in water quality," she said. "The impact goes beyond their daily life. It affects wildlife, recreation, and water use for drinking. People need to realize their actions do have an effect on the environmental world."

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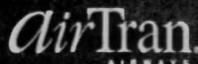
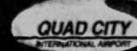
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EDITORIAL

Democrats' bad primary plans

In the wake of John Kerry's 2004 electoral defeat, criticism of Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses has built into a proposal passed last week by a Democratic commission. Responding to complaints that the caucuses fail to produce candidates palatable to the nation at large, the commission suggested adding one or two states between the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary. The panel also suggested adding two or more primaries right after New Hampshire, all in hopes of reducing the importance of the two leading states. These changes would negatively affect Iowa and New Hampshire, of course, but would also be detrimental to the Democrats and the country as a whole.

Proponents of the changes assert that Iowa and New Hampshire are not representative of the country. Ethnically, they aren't: Non-Latino whites make up 92.6 percent of Iowa's population and 95.1 percent of New Hampshire's, a far higher percentage than the national average. The caucuses also give Iowa disproportionate power in national politics, being one likely reason for heavy farm subsidies and ethanol support at the federal level.

These criticisms are valid, until we start looking at alternatives. Iowa and New Hampshire are fairly moderate states and tend to vote with the winning candidate in the general election. If the first primary were held in Illinois or Nebraska, for example, candidates would be much more liberal or conservative because of the states' political leanings. The populations of Iowa and New Hampshire are also small enough to allow grass-roots candidates to succeed: Ohio, which has voted for the eventual presidential winner since 1872, has almost three times the population of Iowa and New Hampshire combined.

While Democrats seem to blame Iowa for Kerry's relatively easy nomination, the real problem was the short time frame between state contests in 2004. Front-loading the primary season makes the first races that much more important. While proponents assert that the changes would allow candidates the freedom to choose the states on which to focus, the exact opposite is the more likely scenario. Candidates with surprising or dominant performances in the Iowa caucuses will ride that momentum like a plow rushing through cornfields; those who stumble in Iowa won't have time to recover.

Loading primaries early in the season like dominoes also forces candidates to raise and spend a lot more money than if they could focus on one state at a time. Candidates would be forced to run national campaigns, both in terms of time spent and message. States with fewer delegates would warrant less attention from candidates, as we see now in the general election. Aspirants of the nomination could not mobilize grass-roots efforts in such a short time span, meaning a greater reliance on advertising and political endorsements, both of which favor party elites.

Because no single state can offer an ideal test for primary candidates, the Democrats should look for ways to minimize the importance of any one contest. By further packing the votes into a short time frame, the recent changes actually increase the first primaries' impact. The Democrats would be well-advised to begin work on a campaign strategy to capitalize on recent Republican missteps, rather than further digging themselves into a hole with their primary schedule.

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Principled freedom

Jennifer Zarr's letter ("Military rules," Dec. 12) further demonstrates a revolting attitude common among false patriots.

Yes, Jennifer, anyone who doesn't like the military doesn't have to join. Even George W. Bush's America is still a free country, and, for the time being, joining the military is voluntary. But please, don't go through the rest of your life believing that the military is earning our freedom.

We Americans have our freedoms thanks to the ideals our Founding Fathers articulated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, not because the mighty U.S. military is out there earning them for us.

Our country sometimes calls on our military forces to protect us. Many pay the ultimate price, and for that, we are humbly grateful, but our fundamental freedom is based on principles, not military superiority. I hope you're smart enough to recognize the difference.

Joe Nugent
UI graduate student

Overcome stereotypes

When one picks the newspaper to read, one of its jobs is informing the reader. On

Dec. 7, "Junior overcomes tumult" was anything but informative. This article told the reader of Julius Carter's accomplishments, goals, and hardships in his life yet didn't inform the reader about anything but a short biography of his life.

A few days ago, a similar article about Angie McConville was run ("Finding a way out of poverty," Dec. 5). It informed us of what she, as a single mother, must go through and told us about funding available to single parents, such as food stamps and housing vouchers. This was informative, telling us something using someone as an exemplum.

So, I ask, what is the point of "Junior overcomes tumult"? Does he need someone writing about his achievements, giving him an ego boost? Of course not.

Although I do not know Carter, I have heard through friends that he is a great guy, and, from the article, he seems like a well-accomplished, role-model-type figure who is doing fine without the ego boost. But this article, lacking a clear-cut point, portrayed his life growing up gay and his struggles as more of a complaint and was set up to picture him as "stereotypical." The last thing we, as gay people, need, is



Brent Pelton
UI student

to appear stereotypical or complain about our lives.

Many would praise this article for bringing up what "gay strife" gays have to endure. Too often, however, gays snatch up anything that has the certified rainbow sticker on it. But why should we have to suffer second-rate quality and content that

is the inevitable result of this kind of representation? The next time someone chooses to feature gays, shouldn't there be a point about why we are talking about gays, other than getting brownie points for mentioning us?

COMMENTARY

When experts don't know best

If I asked whether Iraq would become stabilized, Iowa City would adopt a 21-ordinance, or the U.S. housing bubble would burst, a monkey would have as good a chance or better of beating experts in foreign policy, local politics, and economic conditions. Logic dictates that human professionals who have made the study of a given field their life work would be better predictors than mere chance, but a recent study by University of California-Berkeley psychology Professor Philip Tetlock showed that flipping a coin would give at least as good of results as listening to talking heads on CNN or specialists quoted in the *Washington Post*.

This is scary stuff. Why should we (especially we journalists) bother asking experts for forecasts on future events if they are no more likely to be correct than random chance? There's really not even a need to seek out basic information, if Tetlock's premise is accepted. Starting in 1980, he interviewed 284 well-known experts in politics and economics and asked them for predictions, both in their field of expertise and out, amassing 82,361 predictions in the process. These so-called-experts were no better predictors in their own field than any other subject, regardless of professional qualifications or political philosophy.

Tetlock required his group of experts to assess the validity of their predictions after an event. They employed a wide variety of excuses, including contending that the prediction would come true in the future, that it had come close to coming true, that some unforeseen event had altered history, or plain old bad luck had caused the error.

However, Tetlock does offer some hope. His findings indicated that how people



CHAD ALDEMAN

thought did affect their predictive success. Borrowing the terms from author Isaiah Berlin, Tetlock identified two types of thinkers: hedgehogs and foxes. Hedgehogs are people who believe in one unifying theme and project that schema onto future events. Samuel Huntington and Thomas Friedman exemplify hedgehogs by proclaiming a "clash of civilizations" and "the world is flat" respectively. Foxes are more nuanced; they see gray areas and ambiguity. A typical fox might be someone such as John Kerry, whose nuance earned him the label of "flip-flopper."

Foxes achieved a greater number of speculative victories, especially in long-term predictions and forecasts within their own field. Tetlock compared hedgehogs to baseball sluggers, remembered for the one home run they hit and not for their three strikeouts. Foxes, because of their distinctions and uncertainty, are far less likely to be quoted in print media or offered arguing time on television scream-fests. In an interview with *The New Yorker*, Tetlock remained optimistic that experts could eventually beat chance systematically, if we cultivated fox-like thinking.

These findings discomfort me greatly. Experts have access to immense amounts of information about a wide array of subjects, yet their analysis is no better than chance. Possessing a wide breadth of knowledge about history and the status quo does not guarantee accurate future predictions. Tetlock's theory suggests we ignore experts on all topics, but he himself is an expert, albeit on predictions. If I apply his theory to his conclusions, I can flip a coin to decide whether I should believe him.

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ON THE SPOT

Should Iowa keep its place as the first-in-the nation presidential caucuses?



"Yes, because then we'll get to see all of the candidates first-hand, because they will come visit more."

Katy Rehan
UI junior



"Yes. I think it would grant us better access to the candidates."

Heather Parker
UI sophomore



"Yes, I think so, because that's the way it has been, and I thought they had higher participation last year."

Alex Weger
UI sophomore



"Yes, I think so. It did good things for us, before, with Clinton."

Paimon Alipour
UI senior

Reality bikes

It's great to see our leaders at work, isn't it?

No, really I'm not always a sarcastic, clueless commie SOB, or whatever it is that I am this week. Just ask this friend of mine whose cat I cat-sit sometimes; she'll tell you. I have my fun-loving, nonsarcastic moments.

When I'm playing with her cat. So I can appreciate it when I see our leaders hard at work (I myself work seven nights a week). Whether it's cutting brush (You laugh — have you ever cut brush before? As the president once said, This is hard work. Hard, hard work. And, of course, I'd never insinuate that the Secret Service went out before-hand to doctor the brush so it wouldn't be such hard, hard work.



BEAU ELLIOT

Never, or traipsing across Europe, denying with a straight face that America tortures its POWs (Excuse me, I meant detainees; I had a lapse and for a moment thought I lived in a civilized country), or prowling the halls of Congress, trying to exempt the inclusion of the CIA in a John McCain amendment that would prevent torture by U.S. forces (I guess the administration's line of reasoning goes something like, We don't torture, but we don't want to tie the hands of our forces in the fight against terror, either. So, what? We just want to tie the hands of our POWs? Excuse me, detainees?)

I can see how all of that would be hard work.

So this little news item was kinda interesting. On Dec. 10, NPR reported that the U.S. government held an exercise to shape the government's planning and response to a national flu pandemic. All manner of high administration officials took part, Cabinet secretaries, military and health Poob-Bahs, and their ilk (do you suppose these people have to go through ilkscreening?), because the White House did not want any response to a flu pandemic, should such a response be necessary, to resemble anything like the response to Katrina ("You're doing a heckuva job, Brownie").

President Bush did not take part. He went for a bicycle ride.

No, really. You couldn't make this stuff up.

Well, at least the Cowboy in Chief wasn't around to tell people that they were doing a heckuva job.

Ah, hard work. Ah, torture. You know, sometimes it's tortuously hard work just trying to follow the administration's reasoning, if that's what it is.

Take Condoleezza Rice in Europe, for instance. She kept insisting that the United States does not engage in torture. Yet, there are dozens upon dozens of reports of U.S. forces using waterboarding (a technique that brings prisoners to the brink of drowning; it was invented in the Spanish Inquisition, by the way — as Monty Python famously said, Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition), hanging prisoners by their wrists and attaching electrodes to their genitals, exposing them to extreme cold and heat, threatening them with death.

Forty-four terrorism suspects have died in U.S. custody; 21 of those deaths have been officially classified as homicides.

So let's see; the Spanish Inquisition uses waterboarding, that's torture. U.S. forces use waterboarding, that's not torture, that's pressuring terrorists.

Of course, we only have the government's word for it that these prisoners are terrorists. But the administration wouldn't lie, would it? (Iraqi WMD, Saddam's ties to Al Qaeda and 9/11, uranium sales from Niger — no, those people would never, never lie.)

I admit, I wouldn't be quite so suspicious, or sarcastic, if it weren't, say, for the case of José Padilla, whom the United States arrested and held in a Navy brig for three years because he was allegedly involved in a dirty-bomb plot. The administration recently got around to charging Padilla; no mention of any dirty-bomb plot. Or there's the case of Kalid al-Masri, the German whom the CIA kidnapped in Macedonia and spirited off to Afghanistan, where it held him for several months, beating him and injecting him with drugs before admitting it was a case of mistaken identity.

Where is the outrage about all of this? Where are the congressional investigations? Well, Congress is hard at work passing more tax cuts for the rich. It is also hard at work making it illegal to desecrate the American flag, which is a quite important step in the war on terror.

And the president? He's hard at work on the bike paths of reality. ■

Beau Elliot has confessed to us that he once used to ride a bike. He promises that he gave it up to spend some quality nonsarcastic moments with a cat.

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PULLING UP THE COVERS

In this first of three stories about the culture of cover music, local bands Public Property and Goldbricker discuss cover songs as a learning tool, live-music safety net, and a practice they strive to shed as the groups build their own musical portfolios.



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BY TONY A. SOLANO
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a little more than two years, local reggae band Public Property has cultivated more than 30 songs of its own, produced a pair of albums, traversed the Midwest on tour, and established a dedicated local following. But the biggest show it has played the past two Februaries, the Bob Marley birthday show at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., required that the members recreate another artist's sound.

This half-mimicking, half-imitating approach appears the group's safest bet. The first installment of the show broke the venue's 2004 attendance record, and the nonet will continue covering Marley's music at the annual celebration Feb. 3, 2006.

Public Property guitarist David Bess said the event is the only show in which the band exclusively covers songs — playing a song previously written and performed by someone else, for those who've lived in a music-less cave for the better half of the 20th century. Aside from the Marley show, he said, the band usually weaves two or three covers into its performances but uses them as musical highlights: opportunities to goof off and ignite crowd participation by

jogging the collective consciousness.

Bands may intend to copy or rework the original version with an updated or customized bent in reproducing previously recorded tracks. Songs can function comically — think Phish's country-fried interpretation of Snoop Dogg's "Gin and Juice" — or to flesh out a subdued emotion of the original song — think Johnny Cash's achingly regretful replica of Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt."

Goldbricker formed when the local jam band's four UI undergraduates were attending grade school in Davenport. The members played cover songs at school dances as part of learning both their instruments and the stage, but they now work to promote their original material, and they have moved beyond playing covers live.

"I hope someday that there are musicians who want to look and sound just like the members of Goldbricker — but we're not going to get there by playing other people's music," said bass player Andy Parker.

The closest Goldbricker has come to playing a cover in the last three years has been when the musicians stumble upon familiar verses of another artist's work while jamming to one of the group's originals, he said.

"It's boring if you just try to

mimic the exact song, so, when approaching another person's music from an artistic standpoint, you want to make it more your own," he said.

Goldbricker guitarist Nate Whitty said studying cover songs serves as a means to learn from six-string heavyweights, challenging him to learn different picking and chord combinations. He then incorporates the new style into his group's originals, perpetuating the cyclical tradition in which modern music bears its predecessors' influence.

"If you're going to do something new, you have to have something else that came before to define yourself against," he said. "You have to learn the ropes of what's gone on already if you want to break the mold."

Still, for Bess' band aspiring to carve its own niche in the industry, performing already known music proves a useful crutch before crowds unfamiliar with the group's own music, he said.

In Iowa City, cover bands are often relegated to background-sound status at weekly Friday

After Class gatherings at such bars as 3rd Base, 111 E. College St., or Etc., 118 S. Dubuque St. Yacht Club owner and booking agent Scott Kading believes that Iowa City is a creative epicenter where local and touring acts plan to play original music and people are more excited to hear new stuff.

"That's [cover music] just not the Iowa City music scene," he said. "Ninety percent of bands in Iowa City play their own stuff."

As a booker, he has yet to hire a cover band; the only close instance is the Marley birthday show.

Both Goldbricker and Public Property are concentrating on creating original music, but Public Property will continue to sprinkle cover songs throughout its performances, while Goldbricker strives to remain anti-cover. The members haven't weaned themselves completely, though — sometimes out of convenience, sometimes because of lapses in sobriety.

"It would probably depend on how drunk we were or how long we had to play," Parker said.

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Mashing-up the music



CD REVIEW
American Edit
★★★ out of ★★★★★

BY ANNA WIEGENSTEIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

You're nobody till somebody mashes you. More and more with new singles, unless your song has some distinctively cool element remixable to great effect (the drum/clap of "Hollaback Girl" and obnoxiously awesome bass line of "Feel Good, Inc." are good examples), you might as well not record anything. With the release of *American Edit*, it looks as though Green Day will finally join those illustrious ranks.

Released by Party Ben and Team 9 Productions — two of the best-known DJs in the online mash-up community — under the joint pseudonym Dean Gray (ha, ha), *Edit* is, as you might guess, an entire album dedicated to bootlegs of 2004's hugely successful *American Idiot*. Released online Nov. 18, the pair was served with a cease-and-desist order from Warner Bros. Records just 10 days later. Nearly a month later, the Internet powers that be have declared today "Gray Tuesday," in which a mere click on americanedit.org reveals a wealth of sites hosting the tracks. The obvious question: Is the album worth the hype?

The answer: yes, mostly. By now, most commercial-music listeners know the words to at least one *Idiot* track, and this album does an excellent job of making what was already great about the year-old songs (such as, say, the opening riffs to "Holiday") feel fresh again. Some purists, no doubt, have issues with mash-ups as a whole, but those listeners already open to bootlegging possibilities have a lot to enjoy.

From the head-bopping intro of the first track, the eight-minute "American Jesus," it's clear that both DJs

know their way around a great hook. The combinations are by turns fantastic (the back-and-forth vocals between "Jesus of Suburbia" and "Summer of '69" make for great driving music) and mismatched (the "Ring of Fire" addition is a bit off, disappointingly enough).

There are some truly great mashes here — "Dr. Who on Holiday" sounds as though it was made to pump up crowds before a basketball game, and "Novocaine Rhapsody" has a wonderful blend of the instrumentation between "Give Me Novocaine" and Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody." The obvious standout is "Boulevard of Broken Songs," known mostly to listeners as "the song that mixes Green Day with Oasis." It's bounced around radio and websites for almost a year, but hearing it again never seems to get old. *Edit* also includes a dance version, which, as a hate-it-or-love-it genre anyway, uses the somewhat overproduced sound of the original "Boulevard" to great effect.

Hearing the first three tracks, my expectations for the remainder were set exceptionally high. Unfortunately, *Edit* wanes toward the middle, reaching its nadir with "Ashanti's Letterbomb," a song whose only achievement is reminding me what a great song the original "Letterbomb" was ... too bad it's muted and chopped up into near anonymity. Also irritating is the excess of inconsequential sound bites — who wants to hear John F. Kennedy's swapped audio in a perfectly good mash-up?

The thing that most plagues *American Edit*, overall, is an overabundance of hackneyed DJ-in' moves, such as messing with vocal tracks or repeating a hook one too many times. This is most notable on "Impossible Rebel," a song so glitch-heavy it makes pure punk sound — from not only Green Day but the Sex Pistols — seem beside the point.

While not the mash-up masterpiece *The Grey Album* was, — source of the original "Grey Tuesday" — *Edit* is a genuinely great listen approximately 80 percent of the time. Everyone can find something to appreciate from Dean Gray, from Green Day fans such as myself to those simply curious about what the heck these mash-up things are, anyway.

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2 UI students get merry with marsupials

SUGAR GLIDERS

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a permit, city officials need to complete an inspection to verify that the unique animal is set to receive proper care, she said.

The permit Negaard and Ballentine obtained cost \$15.

Despite describing their new pets as "cute, intelligent, and affectionate," the duo stressed that the aerial animals are not for everyone.

"It's important to realize that it is a commitment," Ballentine said. "They are a lot of work."

Goodman said she would probably not welcome the animals into her home.

"I don't have anything against

the animals," she said, noting that her residence is already occupied by cats and dogs, which would be a threat to the glider's life.

Social in nature, the creatures need a lot of care and attention to stay healthy. The

students do not recommend the pets to anyone who does not lead a routine life.

The gliders "have a knack for getting exactly where you don't want them to be," Negaard added. Ballentine and Negaard

suggested that potential owners need to do extensive research, to "make sure they are the right pet for them."

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'We want the faculty to have raises. They need that. But they can't rob Peter to pay Paul.'

— Heather Waddell Gruber, COGS vice president

COGS protests TA move

COGS

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GRADING

Campaign to Organize Graduate Students' grades for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

- Commitment to Undergraduate Education: F
- Support of Teaching and Research Assistants: D+
- Allocation of Resources: D-
- Communication Skills: C-

The exact number of reduced positions will depend on state funding, Kearney said, but he acknowledged that any cuts will mean larger class sizes.

The college has tried to avoid cutting TA positions by having graduate students teach Saturday and evening courses through the Division of Continuing Education, as well as redistributing students from under-enrolled classes or sections into larger classes, Kearney said.

Heather Waddell Gruber, the COGS vice president for organizing, said the college's plan would sacrifice TAs and hurt the UI's ability



Sarah Mercier/The Daily Iowan

Teaching assistants (from front to back) Joe Schwartz, MaryAnn Martin, and Robin Johnson participate in a "Grade-In" on Monday afternoon in Schaeffer Hall. About 60 TAs graded papers in the hallway to protest possible TA cuts in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Patrick Oray, the COGS president, said he wants a meaningful conversation with the university about how TA cuts will affect the quality of education.

to recruit top graduate students in order to improve faculty rankings.

"We want the faculty to have raises," she said. "They need that. But they

can't rob Peter to pay Paul."

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Here's a preview of what you can expect in a few weeks:

- Dec. 31**
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- Jan. 1**
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- Jan. 2**
- Game preview
 - Postgame update, two hours after the fourth quarter
- Jan. 3**
- Full postgame coverage, including photo and video

NBA

Riley replaces Van Gundy

MIAMI (AP) — Pat Riley and Stan Van Gundy walked off the dais together Monday, then went in opposite directions.

Riley packed his tailored suits and headed back to the NBA sidelines, looking to add another entry to his long and glowing coaching résumé. Van Gundy simply went home.

Months after he said he wanted to reclaim more of a hands-on role with the team — a comment that prompted rampant speculation he was about to fire his former protégé — Riley returned to the business of coaching. Van Gundy quit to spend more time with his family; he will stay with the team in a limited capacity.

NBA

Walsh: Pacers will seek trade for Artest

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ron Artest wants to be traded, and the Indiana Pacers will try to accommodate their unhappy star.

Artest, suspended most of last season for his role in one of the worst brawls in American sports, said over the weekend that he wants out, his past haunts him in Indianapolis, and the team would be better off without him.

Pacers President Donnie Walsh said on Monday he didn't like Artest speaking to the media first but would try to trade him. He added Artest's desire to move on wasn't the only factor involved.

"This is kind of the last straw of a lot of issues," Walsh said, "and it's at the point where we should look for a trade."



Artest

Part 2 of a 5-part series | IOWA ATHLETICS FAMILIES



Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

Paul Divan pushes younger brother Nick Divan into the Field House pool during a portrait session on Dec. 8. The brothers grew up in California and started swimming before they could read.

Swimming through here

'It wasn't even one of the schools I was looking at. [Iowa] offered me a recruiting trip at the beginning of the spring, and I just really liked it here.'

— Paul Divan, junior

'I just looked for the best schools in the country, and most all of them are in the Big Ten. I figured I would look at Iowa. Paul was here, and he seemed to like it a lot.'

— Nick Divan, freshman

BY MICHAEL SCHMIDT
THE DAILY IOWAN

Crayons for paddles. Slides for diving blocks. Playgrounds for swimming pools.

Trading preschool luxuries for early morning dips was not much of a choice for Paul and Nick Divan. The elder, Paul, dove in at 5 years old. The younger, Nick, started at 4.

"I think my parents probably threw me in when I started," Paul Divan said.

The brothers' journey through chlorine-laden lap pools started in their hometown of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., and it landed them on the Iowa men's swimming and diving team.

Paul Divan, 20, is the veteran, a junior breaststroke and freestyle specialist.

Nick Divan, 18, is the newcomer, a freshman distance freestyler who has gotten off the blocks quickly at the collegiate level.

The brothers were a wrecking crew on the California swimming scene. Paul Divan was a three-time high-school All-American in the 100 breaststroke. Nick Divan earned All-American honors seven times in three events — the 200 free, 200 individual medley, and 500 free.

So, how did a pair of West Coast swimming sibs, acclaimed in their region, end up in the nation's heartland?

HAWKEYE SPORTS SIBLINGS

Today — Brothers Paul and Nick Divan, swimming
Wednesday — Mims family, track and cross-country
Thursday — Crystal Smith and father, Michael Morgan, women's basketball
Friday — Brothers Lucas and Thomas Magnani, wrestling

"It wasn't even one of the schools I was looking at," Paul Divan said. "[Iowa] offered me a recruiting trip at the beginning of the spring, and I just really liked it here."

Nick Divan was still in high school when his older brother went to Iowa. Knowing he resisted the thought of staying in-state, he decided to follow his brother's trail to the Hawkeye State.

"I just looked for the best schools in the country, and most all of them are in the Big Ten," he said. "I figured I would look at Iowa. Paul was here, and he seemed to like it a lot."

But unbeknownst to many outsiders is that both brothers have different interests outside of the swimming realm.

Sure, the clothing choices are similar, with their flex fit hats and long-sleeved shirts.

Ask them about music, and the line is drawn.

"He's a heavy-metal boy, and I like the oldies," Paul Divan said.

Nick Divan responded, "Just as long as I don't play that music in his car, it's OK."

When raising a pair of swimmers, especially the caliber of the Divans, support is needed on all levels. Both brothers credit their parents, Paul Divan III and Judith Divan, as helping hands.

"The best support I can say we've gotten is from our mom," Nick Divan said. "She goes to every meet. Obviously, she can't go to every meet while we're here. She's been to two so far, and that's a long journey from California."

"They are mainly the reason while I'm still in it today."

When the time comes to buckle down, each brother knows he has the respect and the admiration of the other.

"Just the fact that he goes out and races, regardless of the situation," Nick Divan said. "If he's feeling bad, he goes out and tries his hardest."

"We've supported each other a lot more over the past four or five years. Before that, it was just kind of ragging on each other to get each other going faster. I guess that was a form of support."

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HAWKS WHO GO PRO

Babineaux hits fast lane

BY TED MCCARTAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's amazing what somebody can learn in a year, and it can be downright startling what lessons a rookie can soak up.

In Jonathan Babineaux's case, he learned every defensive-line position on the Falcons. He learned Michael Vick's a pretty funny guy. He learned that you can save some money if you buy the veteran's fried chicken on the way to the airport rather than at the airport, but regardless of where you pick it up, you're putting it down in their laps.

And, of course — the highlights of his first-year curriculum — he learned what it's like to recover a fumble against a conference rival and sack a future Hall of Famer when his team needed it most.

"It's more than what I expected," the former All-Big Ten Hawkeye said.

Babineaux started out on the depth chart at nose guard but was moved to right end after some injuries. And right end is the position where he's started at for the last five games, having as



Jonathan Babineaux
ex-Hawkeye football player

'It's more than what I expected'

much an effect on his new team as any other ex-Iowa star now an NFL rookie.

"It really kind of helped me, in a sense, on the defensive line," he said. "I know all the positions now. I think it will help me out in the future."

Things got going in a hurry for Babineaux — the second round pick by Atlanta in last spring's NFL draft — in the Falcons' season opener against Philadelphia. He was given the opportunity for the best souvenir a defensive lineman can ask for when a ball went loose and bounced his way. Then, in his words, "it just so happened that I was right there and jumped on it." The funny thing is, he was so happy after the play went dead that he spiked the ball and let it be.

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Hawkeye lineman Jonathan Babineaux tackles Wisconsin wide receiver Brandon Williams after a short pass on Nov. 20, 2004, in Kinnick Stadium. Babineaux had seven tackles, including two sacks, in the Hawks' 30-7 victory.

McMahon waits (& waits)

I miss the game-day excitement ... that antsy, anxious feeling in the locker room before a game. And then to come out the tunnel onto the field, it's just a great feeling. Every Sunday, when I watch games or even just watching Iowa games, I want that feeling again.



Pete McMahon
ex-Hawkeye lineman

BY TYSON WIRTH
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's a Cleveland Brown away game. Pete McMahon's teammates pile on face paint, strap up shoulder pads, and prepare to hurl themselves into the most violent weekly entertainment in America — an NFL game.

He whiles away the day watching "Family Guy" DVDs.

As a member of the Browns' practice squad,

Sunday is his day off. It's a bittersweet vacation.

"I miss the game-day excitement ... that antsy, anxious feeling in the locker room before a game," said McMahon, an ex-Iowa offensive lineman. "And then to come out the tunnel onto the field, it's just a great feeling. Every Sunday, when I watch games or even just watching Iowa games, I want that feeling again."

SEE MCMAHON, PAGE 3B

SPORTS

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No Top 25 Men's Games on Monday
WOMEN
 #3 LSU 72, New Orleans 41
 #16 DePaul 59, Northern Illinois 46

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
 All Times CST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East	8	5	0	.615	294	289
New England	6	7	0	.462	242	261
Miami	6	7	0	.462	191	252
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	252	329
N.Y. Jets	3	10	0	.231	189	274
South	13	0	0	1.000	352	180
x-Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	273	227
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	252	329
Tennessee	1	12	0	.077	193	354
North	10	3	0	.759	350	259
Cincinnati	8	5	0	.615	294	289
Pittsburgh	4	9	0	.308	171	253
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	203	237
West	10	3	0	.759	322	231
Denver	8	5	0	.615	378	252
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	329	286
Kansas City	8	5	0	.615	329	286
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	259	322

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	345	241
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	294	289
Washington	7	6	0	.538	258	246
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	252	314
South	11	2	0	.846	379	211
St. Louis	5	8	0	.385	307	378
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	252	319
San Francisco	2	11	0	.154	186	361

Monday's Games

Kansas City at N.Y. Giants, 4 p.m.
 Denver at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 18
 N.Y. Jets at Miami, 12 p.m.
 Arizona at Houston, 12 p.m.
 Seattle at Tennessee, 12 p.m.
 San Diego at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
 Philadelphia at St. Louis, 12 p.m.
 Carolina vs. New Orleans at Baton Rouge, La., 12 p.m.
 San Francisco at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
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 Cincinnati at Detroit, 3:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
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 Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 19
 Green Bay at Baltimore, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
 All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	20	8	4	44	103	79
Philadelphia	17	7	4	38	106	91
N.Y. Islanders	15	12	2	32	93	98
New Jersey	13	12	4	30	89	97
Pittsburgh	8	16	6	22	82	121
Northwest	17	10	1	39	98	95
Ottawa	19	10	1	39	98	95
Buffalo	16	12	3	35	102	97
Toronto	15	8	5	35	90	87
Montreal	10	15	4	26	93	107
Southwest	18	9	2	38	105	95
Carolina	17	10	3	37	96	90
Tampa Bay	11	16	4	26	106	117
Florida	9	18	4	22	75	105
Washington	9	17	2	20	80	113

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central	21	8	2	44	115	79
Detroit	18	6	3	39	80	72

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 Detroit at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Chicago at Carolina, 6 p.m.
 Nashville at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Vancouver at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
 Phoenix at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 Dallas at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	11	11	.500	—
New Jersey	9	10	.474	1
Boston	8	12	.400	2
New York	6	14	.300	4
Toronto	4	17	.190	6 1/2
Southwest	11	10	.524	—
Miami	8	11	.421	2
Washington	8	11	.421	2
Charlotte	5	16	.238	6
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Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	16	4	.800	—
San Antonio	16	4	.800	—
Dallas	15	6	.714	1 1/2
Memphis	9	12	.429	7 1/2
New Orleans	9	12	.429	7 1/2
Houston	7	12	.368	8 1/2
Northwest	12	7	.632	—
Minnesota	12	7	.632	—
Denver	11	10	.524	2
Seattle	9	10	.474	3
Utah	9	12	.429	4
Portland	6	14	.300	6 1/2

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 Golden State 12 8 600 2
 L.A. Lakers 11 10 524 3 1/2
 Sacramento 9 12 429 5 1/2

Monday's Games
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 Utah 92, Detroit 78
 New Orleans 91, Phoenix 87

Today's Games
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 Atlanta at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 Denver at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 Chicago at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Orlando at New York, 6:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Miami at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Football inks Texan

BY TYSON WIRTH
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Texas cornerback Jay Valai orally committed to the Iowa football team Sunday, after spending the weekend in Iowa City and watching the Dec. 11 football-awards banquet.

Rated a two-star prospect by Rivals recruiting service, Valai stands just 5-9. However, what he may lack in height, he makes up in confidence.

"Most corners can cover or hit, but I can do both," said Valai, who was hosted by Iowa's Charles Godfrey. "I'm passionate about hitting people. I love to hurt people. I love popping pads."

A 6-3 wingspan and a 195-pound frame also compensate for Valai's height. The sports-management-major-to-be listed offers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Utah State, Louisiana Tech, and Central Florida — but is still relatively unknown in recruiting circles.

"In the state of Texas, this year, especially at defensive back, there are a lot of great players," said Rivals recruiting analyst John Palman. "That may be one of the reasons a guy such as Jay hasn't gotten a lot of play."

Palman listed speed and aggressiveness as Valai's greatest strengths.

Valai, who grew up a "pretty huge" Ohio State fan, amassed 62 tackles and two interceptions as a senior playing for 5A Colleyville Heritage in

Colleyville, Texas. In past seasons, he's played basketball, but he will forgo it this winter to focus solely on preparing for football.

Joining defensive end Braylon Broughton, a soft commitment whom Palman calls a "severely underrated prospect," and wide receiver James Cleveland, Valai is the third Texan to commit to the Hawkeyes' 2006 class.

"I think [the Hawkeyes are] making Texas a priority," Palman said. "I could see that being something they continue, in the future."

Especially if they can keep finding prospects as smart as Valai. The gregarious gridiron star, who sports a 3.7 GPA, said Iowa's atmosphere and academics impressed him immensely on his visit.

"Most colleges say academics are a major thing, but they don't really mean it," the cornerback said. "You can tell by the way they treat you here they mean it, because they want you to be somebody."

And he will be somebody, at least on the field, if he can fulfill his potential.

Valai's combination of strength, aggressiveness, and bulk are rare among low-hype recruits and even among Division-I defensive backs, to a lesser degree. The talkative Texan already outweighs all four Iowa cornerbacks in the two-deeps.

That, coupled with his confidence and the graduation of

starting corners Antwan Allen and Jovon Johnson, might bode well for early playing time.

"I really, really believe that I'll be ready to play next year," Valai said. "I want to do some things; I don't want to be just another player."

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Young V-ball Hawks look ahead

BY RYAN LONG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Cindy Fredrick's second season as the Iowa volleyball coach was filled with numerous ups and downs.

With a 14-19 overall mark and a 4-16 record in Big Ten play, she realizes that improvement in the program has taken place. However, she also sees her team having much more room to grow, especially because its members are so young.

"I think that all of our freshmen just did a really admirable job," she said. "It's tough to come in and play at this level as a freshman, and, considering the number of kids that we had on the court at one time, it was pretty amazing what they did."

The Hawkeyes began the season with a lot of momentum, entering conference action with a winning record and defeating Northern Iowa for the first time since 1988.

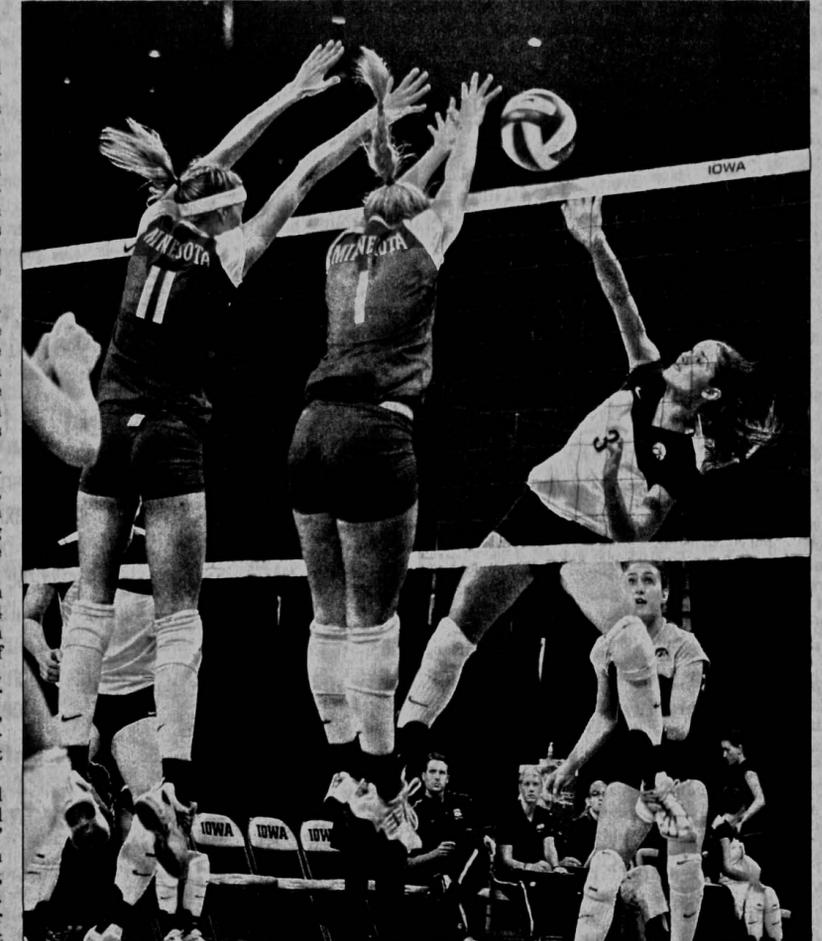
Just weeks into Big Ten action, the Hawkeyes had a 3-4 mark and a newfound belief in being able to compete in one of the finer conferences in America.

However, an injury to junior captain Tiana Costanzo, arguably the team's most complete player, was a factor that that Iowa could not get over.

"Everybody was really pleased with the way the season had been going, up until that point," Fredrick said. "And I think, when you lose somebody of her caliber, it really affects your team a lot. She's our best passer; she's our best defensive player and is just real steady for us."

Iowa only managed to win one more league match the rest of the season, dropping 12 of its final 13 matches.

"I think, originally, nobody anticipated that it was going to be a great season," Fredrick said. "But because we started off well, and we had the win over UNI, and then we had the opening Big Ten win over Northwestern, I think that there were a lot of really positive expectations.



Kiley Fister slams the ball across the net as Minnesota defenders Jessy Jones and Kelly Bowman attempt to block it on Oct. 26 in Carver-Hawkeye. Iowa lost, 3-0, against the 18th-ranked Gophers.

"And it really kind of punched us in the gut when we lost Tiana." The Hawkeye will head into next season returning just about the entire squad. Iowa will welcome back seven sophomores, including All-Big Ten member Catherine Smale, in addition to junior Stacy Vitale and seniors Jacqueline

Huguelet, Costanzo, and Melanie Meister. Iowa will lose seniors Lauren Bruckner and Justeen Patton to graduation and junior Megan Gatens because of personal reasons. However, the Hawkeyes will welcome freshmen in-state standouts Alicia Johnson and Becky Walters.

"To look at those [current] freshmen, I think that there is just so much potential for them to really do well," Fredrick said. "It all day depends on how hard they want to work this spring and how much they want to improve and change."

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"At the end of the game, I was like, 'Dang, I should've kept it,'" he said.

And, while that is worthy enough to earn respect from the veterans when he's rolling into practice in his black Cadillac EXT with the limousine tint, then sacking Lambeau's lover boy just legitimizes things. In Atlanta's game against Green Bay, Babineaux chased down Brett Favre for his first career NFL sack.

"It was a crucial part of the game; we needed a big play," he said. "To sack a future Hall of Famer, a guy that's played this game for so long whom people still respect, that's something I'll always remember."

At this point in the season, heading into the Monday night game against New Orleans, Atlanta sat in third-place in the NFC South. With one game against Carolina and one game against Tampa Bay still on the docket, the Falcons believe they've still got a shot at a division title.

And if people are expecting Babineaux's 286-pound frame to hit the notorious "rookie wall," they shouldn't, or at least they shouldn't expect the wall to hold him.

"Not at all, man; I love playing football," he said. "You always hear of rookies hitting the wall, but you know I just love it too much to let my body get that way. We play these teams once more."

"We're still in the race."

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McMahon waiting

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Just four months ago he felt it, during the Oakland Raiders' preseason. The Black-and-Silver drafted McMahon after 213 other athletes in April. Despite the late selection, the Dubuque native impressed people in practice and started the second half of the Raiders' first two preseason contests.

"I and another rookie were playing guard, and it was kind of a battle between us, whom they were going to keep," McMahon said. "I felt I was doing a good job, improving. Then I got injured."

It happened in practice — a knee twist, a pop, and some swelling. The former Iowa walk-on underwent an MRI. The test revealed a torn right meniscus, and Oakland cut McMahon two days later. Suddenly, the future of a man weighing 325-pounds

hung by a thread. "I was in the training room rehabbing, and we came into the locker room, and there were a bunch of extra lockers," he said. "And it was kind of like, 'Whoa, so-and-so's gone.' But no one said anything to me."

The man nicknamed Silent Rage found out his fate over the phone with his girlfriend, who had been bombarded by calls from concerned friends.

He didn't mope — a fringe NFL player, McMahon couldn't afford to. He returned to Iowa City to rehab and watch his alma mater annihilate Ball State. But the victory took second place among the days' high points.

During the contest, his agent called and offered a second chance at a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Less than 24 hours later, McMahon jumped a plane to Cleveland.

After six weeks of rehab, he is now an active practice-squad

member. And while he's happy for the opportunity, it does come with costs.

"Sometimes it's tough, because you're not making as much money as other rookies," McMahon said. "Guys can have more respect for you, though, because they know you're not doing it for the big bucks."

Nor for the "benefits." The Saturday before each away game, he orders subs for the Browns' 12-member offensive line. Employees at Penn Station, the sandwich shop of choice, know him by name.

But monotonous sub orders, knee injuries, and even wistful Sundays — none of them deter McMahon.

"I like the feeling of not knowing what's going to be thrown at me but being able to handle it, because I'm prepared," he said.

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HAWKEYE HOOPS

Hawkeyes drop 10 spots

IOWA CITY (AP) — Two losses to instate rivals cost Iowa 10 spots in the polls.

The Hawkeyes dropped from No. 12 to No. 22 in the AP college basketball poll released Monday.

The news capped a difficult stretch for the 7-3 Hawkeyes.

Iowa lost 72-60 to Iowa State on Dec. 11 in Ames. Earlier in the week, Northern Iowa beat the Hawkeyes 67-63 in overtime in Cedar Falls.

The Hawkeyes also lost senior point guard Jeff Horner in the UNI game. Horner is recovering from a

knee injury that could keep him out two to five weeks.

The Hawkeyes opened the season ranked No. 20 in the AP poll. The Cyclones and Panthers were not ranked.

Iowa will play Saturday against Arizona State in Carver Hawkeye Arena.

Are you ready for some — gag — football?

BY RICK MAESE
BALTIMORE SUN

From: George Bodenheimer, president of ABC Sports
To: Staff
cc: John Madden

Re: MNF — Packers at Ravens

The day we've all been dreading is just around the corner. In less than a week, we'll be televising the 3-10 Packers versus the 4-9 Ravens on Monday Night Football.

First of all, I want all ABC Sports employees to know that we cannot honor all of your sick-day requests for this game. Plan on working that night.

Second, let's spend the next couple of days brainstorming ways to promote this game. Allow me to get the ball rolling.

We must make it clear to our viewers that the matchup is a game of consequence. Tell them that it might be their last chance to see Packers quarterback Brett Favre play on Monday night. And tell them it might be their last chance to see the Ravens' Kyle Boller play quarterback on any night.

Ideally, this game would be played in Green Bay, Wis., and we could focus our cameras on the cheeseheads. My Baltimore sources say they have their own version of the cheesehead at M&T Bank Stadium, so focus your cameras on the Ravens' fans wearing brown paper bags.

The viewers aren't fools. They know this matchup would have been great four years ago. Let's remind them that Monday marks their last chance to see Packers-Ravens until 2009.

We can't do anything about the players in the game. Frankly, the

best talent can be found in the spots. During the game, remind the viewers to stay tuned for the Burger King commercials. The Burger King mascot is having a much better year than anyone on either of these teams.

We must remind viewers it's still football, and it's not like there's anything better on. The Food Network is re-airing some Christmas special and Fox is broadcasting Nanny 911.

To make sure we don't lose viewers to these shows, though, maybe we should put a mike on Ravens Coach Brian Billick. From what I hear, Billick often talks as if his players are children anyway. I'm actually not concerned about losing viewers to the Food Network. I, myself, have a hard time distinguishing John Madden from Emeril.

How about a halftime interview with Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti? Sounds easy to arrange.

I've heard the Ravens do a half-time promotion in which area teens hurl the ball as far downfield as possible. Any chance we can persuade Baltimore general manager Ozzie Newsome to sign Monday's halftime winner to quarterback the Ravens in the second half? Might make for some good reality programming. And it probably couldn't hurt the Ravens too much.

(Not that we want to fix the contest, but see if there's any way to get the Burger King mascot registered as a competitor.)

The season is almost over and we need to be looking forward. The Packers and Ravens are probably thinking about the draft and so are their fans. Can someone see if NFL draft guru

Mel Kiper is available to do some booth work? Have a case of hairspray on standby.

Fans like analysis. Let's tell them how exactly the Packers and Ravens got to this point. Have a chart ready to go that details the Ravens' recent draft woes. And be sure to talk about the problems they've had this season. It's Week 15 and no matter what happens against the Packers, I think the Ravens are still mathematically eligible to play in Week 16. Double-check that, though.

Let's give some thought to tweaking our graphics a bit. Of course, we need to keep the game clock and the score on-screen at all times. But let's also include a computerized tally of Boller's turnovers. We need to assign at least two producers to make sure this remains updated throughout the night.

On the sidelines, I want: a cannon, Hank Williams Jr., 250 crabs, and \$10,000 worth of fireworks. Trust me.

Of course, I'm open to hearing your ideas as well.

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We must remind viewers that these last few weeks are about the program, not the football. Besides, who doesn't enjoy a good funeral?

Oh, and one more thing: When all else fails next Monday, talk about Terrell Owens. Let's have footage of him cued up at all times. Thank you for your time.

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Audit finds Colorado football funds a mess

BY EDDIE PELLIS
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DENVER — In another unseemly glimpse inside the Colorado football program, state auditors said Monday that former coach Gary Barnett's off-season camp was such a bookkeeping mess they couldn't be sure whether more than \$400,000 worth of transactions broke any rules.

The long-awaited audit detailed three years of sloppy accounting within Barnett's camp and cited repeated examples of financial carelessness inside the athletic department.

Missing paperwork, a lack of spending oversight, even a failure to check the criminal backgrounds of staff working with young campers — all of it points to a need for big changes, the auditors said in a 72-page report.

"The worst audit I've seen in my 11 years in office," state Sen. Ron Tupa of Boulder said near the end of the two-hour hearing.

Indeed, there were many ugly aspects to the audit, but the report and the reactions to it illustrated the large disconnect between the political climate surrounding Colorado athletics and the realities of running a big-time football program with

an annual budget of more than \$36 million.

"I don't know that Colorado is any worse than anywhere else, but it's just that it's gotten a lot of visibility," said John DiBiaggio, a former university president who was hired by Colorado to look into its problems.

University President Hank Brown, who last week announced an overhaul of the school's accounting and purchasing practices, agreed to each of the 15 recommendations for change proposed by the Legislative Audit Committee.

But Brown called the audit "a lot of smoke" without a smoking gun.

"Sadly, we're probably better than most public entities but clearly still not up to par," said Brown, a former U.S. senator who has an accounting degree and once ran the multimillion-dollar Daniels Fund.

Barnett stepped down under pressure last week after his team lost three-straight games by a combined score of 130-22. Athletics Director Mike Bohn iterated that Barnett's departure was based on a combination of factors but in no way timed with the release of the audit.

Barnett's attorney, John Rodman, did not return

messages seeking comment.

Like almost all coaches at big football schools, Barnett ran a football camp, earnings from which helped augment his salary and those of his assistants. But it came under scrutiny — as did most aspects of Barnett's football program — in the wake of the recruiting scandal that enveloped the university over the past few years.

The coach, who received a \$3 million settlement when he stepped down last week, was not present at the hearing. His name was never mentioned in the report nor brought up by any of the auditors or university administrators who testified.

But it was his business, High Hopes 95 Inc., that got the most attention.

Auditors said they were unable to determine where \$328,000 paid to Barnett's camps came from — 44 percent of the total income between 2002 and 2004. Nearly \$103,000 in expenses from that period lacked sufficient paperwork, the audit said.

The administration took over administration of the camp last summer, though the audit revealed that not all the issues had been resolved under the school's purview.

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JANUARY 1st, Westside. \$200 One bedroom and bathroom four bedrooms. Molly (712)249-3505.

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ONE bedroom, full bathroom free on-site. \$430 with utilities, 4 Governor. Contact michelle-barrera@uiowa.edu or (708)372-3074.

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OWN room in 2-bedroom upper-level of house. Off-campus parking. Quiet neighborhood. One block from Hickory Hill. Small pet possible. \$325 + electric. ASAP. (319)621-8658.

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Expensive, flexible use; good facilities; \$355 utilities in-621-8317.

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RESPONSIBLE roommate wanted. \$312.50/month plus utilities. Close to campus, very spacious. Available January 1. Please call (319)936-6550.

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SPACIOUS bedroom with furnished living room. Close to downtown. \$350/month plus utilities. Available now until July 31. (713)738-2403.

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RENT negotiable. Two bedroom apartment available now. Coralville, near mall. Dishwasher, laundry on-site. Water/sewer paid. On busline. (319)351-4452.

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TWO bedroom, Coralville, available now. 970 sq. ft. \$595/month, water paid. Balcony, C/A, free parking, laundry on-site, on busline. (319)339-7925.

TWO bedroom, luxury, west side, all amenities, two car garage. \$750. (319)351-8404.

TWO bedroom, one or two bathroom, by dental school. Parking. \$595-\$610. (319)361-8404 or Resident Manager, (319)358-1277.

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FOUR bedroom duplex for rent. \$650. Close-in. (319)330-4442.

LARGE one bedroom. Quiet, no smoking, no pets. W/D, yard, \$495 plus utilities. After 7pm. (319)354-2221.

THREE bedroom near City High. W/D hook-ups, parking, sublease, \$700 plus utilities. (319)621-4653.

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TWO bedroom duplex. 15 min. to walk downtown. Brand new heat/A/C. \$525/month. Just off utilities. Lease starts January 1. Contact Amber at (319)331-8407.

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— Will Cuppy

today's events

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- Career Services Employment Expo Activation Session, 10:30 a.m., C3100 Pomerantz Center
- Sugar 'n' Spice, Iowa City area girls' choir, 4:30 p.m., UIHC Colleton Atrium
- Everything is Illuminated, 7 p.m., Bijou
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allied Christian Coffeehouse, 7 p.m., Wesley Center, 120 N. Dubuque
- Holiday Pops, Cedar Rapids Symphony, Henry Charles Smith, conductor, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium
- Winter Concert, Iowa City Community Band, 7:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Burlington
- Baile Connigo, Salsa Dancing, 8 p.m.-midnight, Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Concert Night, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Dear Wendy, 9 p.m., Bijou
- Free Food for Thought, 9:30 p.m.-midnight, United Campus Ministry, 500 N. Clinton

horoscopes Tuesday, December 13, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Good times are headed your way, so stop being so afraid to make a move. Now is not the time to hold back or have a wait-and-see attitude. Get your courage back, and take control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your hard work will be appreciated if you can avoid letting your stubborn attitude take over. You should feel satisfied and confident about what you are doing. Criticism will not be well received.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may feel emotional today about personal issues or a partnership you are involved in. Be creative when it comes to dealing with money matters. If you are quick to find a solution, you will save the day and gain respect from those waiting for you to make a mistake.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't look at the negative when you have so much going for you. A change in your location or making new friends will give you a new lease on life. Take a chance, and do something a little different for a change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone you are close to will not interpret things the same way you do. Focus on a creative project or getting out of the house and away from family turmoil. Not everyone will tell you the truth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay in the background today. Not much will go your way if you are outspoken or reveal your true feelings. You will have a change of heart, and you must not act on impulse. Refrain from criticizing everyone around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a different approach to your work, and you will get thumbs-up from your colleagues. The chance to try new things will expand your outlook and your friendships. Your serious attitude about something you really believe in will raise interest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make some changes to your living arrangements. If you aren't getting along well with someone, it may be time to move on. Take a serious look at your past, present, and future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everyone's eyes will be on you. You will be looked to for solutions, and you need to get things sorted out in both your personal and professional life. Someone will let you down or surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's time you started believing in yourself again. You will meet someone who will boost your confidence. A change regarding your future is imminent, so take control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may want to question your motives. If you are doing things because you are avoiding a dispute, face your situation head-on. It won't be easy, but in the end, you will feel much better about moving forward with your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on work, money, and getting ahead. Someone may try to stand in your way, but you will outmaneuver her or him, putting you in a prime position. Use your ingenuity.

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LEDGE TOPICS THAT NEVER MADE IT

- Reasons YOU should have an abortion.
- My favorite emoticons :)
- Libel.
- My favorite parts of Fomon's Ledge from yesterday.
- Things that happen when you do a Google search for "Condoleezza Rice nude and dead."
- Explanation of my biweekly wardrobe rotation.
- Ways my life changed when Rage Against the Machine broke up.
- Ways to get kicked out of Students Against Sweatshops.
- Creepy love poem to the dark-haired girl in my 9:30.
- Star Wars-related euphemisms for "hand job."

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Featured in today's show:
• Finals perks
• Busy shipping day
• Seasonal affective disorder

VIDEO
Footage from:
• D/I videographer Taylor Gentry's footage from Dec. 3's UI Museum of Art Museum of Art
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Footage from Kinick Press Box Demolition
• D/I videographer Aaron Preusch's video of the Fred Garbo Inflatable Theatre Company's Hancher performance Dec. 4

AUDIO
Audio from:
• Futurerock
• "Broken Glass"
• "Jesus Would Get the Bigger Speakers"
• "Heartbeat"
• Greyhounds Liberty
• "Yeah Yeah Yeah"

PHOTOS
Slide shows from:
• Check out D/I photographer Matt Ryerson's photo page of the City Circle's holiday-time production

VIDEO
Footage from:
• Game highlights/Commentary
• Press conferences

PHOTOS
Slide shows from:
• Every football game from the 2005 season

PATV

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 9 Christian Orthodox Church in Iowa City
- 11 Democracy Now
- Noon SCTV Calendar
- 12:30 p.m. SCTV Mature Focus
- 1 C.H.I.L.D.
- 1:20 Humanize, Childrenize
- 1:40 Wocidj Nov. 29
- 2 St. Mary's Liturgy
- 3 Country Time Country
- 4 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 5 Faith Apostolic Church of God
- 5:30 Prelude to Christmas No. 1
- 6 Tom's Guitar Show Live
- 7 Qm
- 7:30 The Sports Stop: Early Edition
- 8 The Generic Sports Show Live
- 9 Medium
- 9:30 Songy Challenge
- 10 Iowa City Microcinema Presents
- 10:30 RBO TV
- 11 Redd @ Ego's
- 11:40 Wocidj Nov. 29

UITV schedule

- 3 p.m. The Best Care Possible: The Role of Health Services Research in Improving Public Health
- 4 Demographic and Economic Challenges in Achieving Financial Security in Retirement, TIAA-CREF
- 5 "The Aurora Borealis: Nature's Light Show in the Sky," Craig Kletzing
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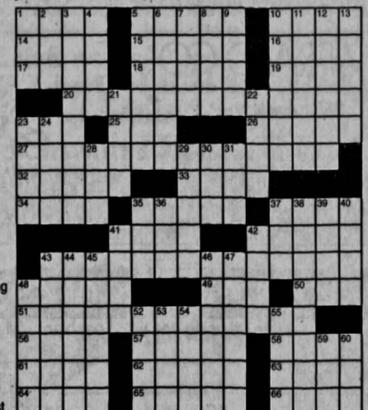
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Jaywalker" of late-night TV
 - 5 C sharp equivalent
 - 10 ___ Spumante
 - 14 Worse than bad
 - 15 Something coffee has
 - 16 Golde of Israel
 - 17 Leaves for cooking
 - 18 About 39 inches
 - 19 Scottish hillside
 - 20 Coming attractions shot at a mobile home park?
 - 23 It may be passed on the Hill
 - 25 ___ Speedwagon
 - 26 ___ work (road sign)
 - 27 Full-length films shot at a day spa?
 - 32 To any extent
 - 33 Chafes
 - 34 Lariat
 - 35 Late civil rights pioneer Rosa
 - 37 Gillette razor
 - 41 "___ on Down the Road"
 - 42 Throat melody
 - 43 Film segments shot at an arsenal?
 - 48 Ice cream sundae, e.g.
 - 49 Eggs
 - 50 Anka's "___ Beso"
 - 51 Documentaries shot at a vacation paradise?
 - 56 Did laps, say
 - 57 Modern reading material
 - 58 "Sorry about that!"
 - 61 Fountain of jazz

- DOWN**
- 1 French article
 - 2 "Deliver Us From ___" 2003 film
 - 3 Nip before a tuck?
 - 4 Table spread
 - 5 Interest of a knight in shining armor
 - 6 Without
 - 7 Trent of the Senate
 - 8 From the U.S.
 - 9 Skater Lipinski
 - 10 English novelist Eric
 - 11 Unruffled
 - 12 Jeweled coronets



Puzzle by Sarah Keller

- 35 Scorecard number
- 36 "___ was saying"
- 37 U.S./Eur. divider
- 38 Auditions
- 39 Counts in the gym
- 40 Lhasa ___ (dog) measures: Abbr.
- 41 Words to Brutus
- 42 Surgery reminder
- 43 Embroidery yarn
- 44 Make fizzy
- 45 Rear-ended, e.g.
- 46 "Beat it"
- 47 Brought forth
- 48 Kitchen
- 52 Skillful
- 53 Skillfully
- 54 Egg drop, e.g.
- 55 "Animal House" attire
- 59 For
- 60 "How's it hangin', bro?"

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