Because of one choice I made, a 75-year-old man, Patrick McEwen, lost his life. Curtis Fry said last week, standing in the spotlight at the First United Methodist Church in Mason. Wearing a blue plaid button-up and perfectly rolled dress slacks, Fry hung on every word and gave his speech a ringing applause. For some, the attention Fry has received in his nearly-triumphal return to society is troubling. Still, he insists he’s trying to make good on a crime no one saw coming—and one he has no recollection committing. The facts of Fry’s case are chilling.

A year later, Fry’s highly publicized second-degree-murder trial brought several witnesses to the Johnson County Courthouse, including police investigations, alcohol experts, Fry’s friends and acquaintances, and those close to McEwen. The proceedings and testimony captured the attention of a city in which officials have battled alcohol issues for more than a decade.

And in a controversial verdict, a 6th District judge ruled that Fry’s heavy state of inebriation led him to believe that he was in his own apartment in Wilton and killed McEwen, whom he thought was the intruder. The proceedings and testimony captured the attention of a city in which officials have battled alcohol issues for more than a decade.

But the God-fearing, upstanding young man from Wilton, Iowa—who had never raised a fist to anyone—didn’t take his dad’s advice. Instead, he spent the night of his 21st birthday day like so many others before him, becoming completely inebriated at a number of downtown Iowa City bars. Two days later, he was arrested for the violent, heinous killing of an innocent elderly man.

Today, however, Curtis Fry is free. Fewer than five years after Fry’s 21st birthday celebration ended in the killing of 75-year-old resident Patrick McEwen, he is back in the real world. And he’s spending time preaching about the importance of personal choices.
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CHAPTER 1

Cathy Fry talks to a youth group at First Baptist Church in Marion about her 2009 conviction for voluntary manslaughter and the importance of personal responsibility. (Daily Iowan/Ben Woltersten)

Fry continued from p. 1

Cathy Fry, head coach of the Buena Vista University football team, and her husband, church Trendla, have been married for 15 years, and they have two children: a son, Treon, 11, and daughter, Taryn, 9. The family lives in rural Floyd County.

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Opinions

Writing is far from dead

Nancy Hanks Chretien and Nancy O'Kean

It is perfectly fine for ideology to play a role in the political process. But when debate ends and it comes to your tax policy, data should pave the way. I have spent much of the last two weeks arguing for — for which I am very grateful — over the past months pushing for a tax system that is both penny-wise, pound-foolish and sound. The proof is in my taxes to solve every economic challenge we face. And when it comes to your country faces. The reality is more often than not against the idea of tax cuts as a panacea after the last two years, am a proponent of policies that can make government more efficient and effective.

There are two reasons I find tax cuts so narrow-

Writing is thinking on paper. Failure to write well means that you can’t create an impact in any area of life. Why writing is important: It helps you develop good writing skills, and good writing skills determine how you can communicate effectively. It helps you develop your imagination, and imagination determines how you can think creatively. It helps you develop your critical thinking, and critical thinking determines how you can reason logically.

How well we write determines what others think of us. Writing is the foundation of our communication, and communication is key to our success. Writing is the tool that enables us to articulate our ideas, to express our thoughts, to persuade others. It is a powerful tool that can make a difference.

I believe that writing is not just a means of expressing ourselves, but also a means of thinking. Writing helps us to organize our thoughts, to clarify our ideas, to articulate our thoughts. It is a tool that enables us to think more deeply, to think more clearly, to think more creatively.

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Hagle said the percentage of Republicans at the UI isn’t surprising. “It’s not an issue that seems that bad,” he said. “Some outside observers might think that’s pretty low, but it depends on what the other social institutions are.”

Hagle differed. Different departments within the university lend themselves to an over-representation of Democratic professors. Butons and medical cole-
ges, he said, typically have more Republicans in their ranks.

Fosen has said it’s important not to generalize higher education trends at all, though there isn’t much research on this topic. "There’s no systematic bias across higher education in terms of hiring, the recruitment of professors, or students, “he said.

In the center’s Headstart Program first went to teach Michael Covington in December 2011 with con-
cerns her daughter had been sexually abused byVarney. The mother first came to staff with her con-
cerns after her child sat on her lap and "kissed her passionately." When the mother asked the child where she leaned to kiss like that, the child repeat-
edly answered "Colleen." — in reference to Varney.

Covington then informed Freeman-Murdah. Fre-
man-Murdah, as a manda-
tory reporter in her posi-
tion, is required to report allegations of sexual abuse to the Department of Human Services within 24 hours.

But Assistant County Attorney Meredith Rich-
Chappell said during the de-
trial that Freeman-Mar-
dah’s speculations about what did or did not happen should not override what the daily mother reported to her daughter had said.

“Do you want me able to take on face value what the mother had said or what she reported?” the attorney asked Freeman-
Murdah. Rich-Chappell then asked Freeman-Murdah if she was required to take any specialized training as to whether abuse cases has or hasn’t occurred, or is specific to children under rather than mandatory reporter training — saying she had not.

The mother was revealed earlier in the trial to have experienced sexual abuse herself as a child. Free-
man-Murdah’s attorney and Leon Spies discussed a prior statement Freeman-
Murdah made that this case had more internally triggered the feelings and the mother father had toward her daughter’s reports.

“We find working with women [who have been sexually assaulted] that things will trigger,” Freeman-
Murdah said. “It leads to some immediate conclusions that other peo-
ple might not make based on their experiences.”

Brian Loring, the execu-
tive director of the Neigh-
borhood Centers of John-
son County, testified that although staff members are required to report all-
gations of sexual abuse to Human Services and not rely on personal investiga-
tions to determine if abuse occurred, he and Neighborhood Staff were under the impression the issue was resolved the Freeman-Murdah had met with Varney in mid-
December.

“We wouldn't hesitate if we believed there was abuse to report,” he said. When Spies asked Lor-
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Freeman-Murdah deviated from any responsibility over the course of the matter. Lor-
ing said, “I do not believe it.”

The jury also heard testi-
mony from Sarah Broach, an AmeriCorps member who works at the Broad-
way Center, Valerie Kemp, a probation officer whose office is located in the center, and Rod Sullivan, a Johnson County supervisor. All three spoke to Freeman-Murdah’s character in a positive way but Rich-Chappell said in cross-examinations that none of them had forwarding knowledge of the specific case at hand.

After the jury of seven was dismissed, Spies said that the state did not prove Freeman-Murdah guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and asked 6th District Judge Stephen Gerard to acquit her.

The jury is expected today to hear closing state-
ments from both attorneys and begin deliberations. If convicted, Freeman-
Murdah would be the first person in Johnson County to possibly serve time for failing mandatory-reporter duties.

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Covington said people typically assume more male-
factors — at the UI and nation-
wide — identify either as liberal or Demo-
crats. But, he said, that isn’t always the situation.

“I do think that universi-
ties should be forums for reflection and self-correction and, in the interest of diversity, I think that universities should make sure that they represent the full spectrum of not just political but age, race, and sex demographics,” he said. A 2010 study reported 43 percent of professors nationwide as being liberal. Neel Goss and Ethan Fosen — who conducted the study — concluded that rather than asking why so many professors are liberal, the better question to ask is why more conservatives are not choosing the higher-education career path.

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WINNING HARD OR HARDLY WORKIN’?

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

WASHINGTON — Milit- ary leaders have concluded that last year’s repeal of the ban on gays serving openly in uniform has not affected morale or readiness so far, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Thursday. “My view is that the military has kind of moved beyond it. It’s become part and parcel of what they’re accepted within the military,” Panetta told reporters during a Pentagon press conference.

Panetta’s comments come a day after President Obama announced he supports same-sex marriage. And the Defense secretary’s statement reflects what has been an assessment of the impact that gays serving openly would have on the military. Some military leaders initially had expressed concerns that repealing the 18-year-old ban could undermine unit cohesion, particularly among troops serving in the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan.

District studies bullying

By DEREK KELLISON

Iowa City School District officials are aiming to review the district’s bullying policy in light of new concern about anti-gay incidents. The military service leaders have been sending Panetta monthly updates on the impact of the repeal, which took effect in September.

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also said he had seen no negative effects on military order or discipline.

“What were we afraid of is we didn’t know,” Dempsey said when asked why military officials were so worried about the repeal before it took effect. “I think that the way we were given a year to make this assessment to educate ourselves to collaborate, to build the sense of trust on this issue, and given that time to do it, I think it worked out well.”

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Hoopsters bounce back

After years of mediocrity, the Iowa men’s basketball team showed signs of a bright future in the 2011-12 season.

"But with Coach McCar-tery coming in and really shaking the program, getting the funk back involved, that really helped," he told The Daily Iowan. "Things are on a rise now." Some of the largest improvement since 1995. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

"Coming into the year, we knew we’d be better than last year — but we didn’t know how good," said Hawkeye assistant coach Tork Mason.

The Hawks’ first-round defeat of Illinois in the Big Ten Tournament marked the first time in six years the Hawkeyes lived up to one seed two.

This past season also marked the first time in four years Iowa didn’t finish second-to-last in the Big Ten. The team’s 8-10 league mark is just one year removed from a 9-11 conference record.

"It was a matter of us doing what we should do and tip-toeing at the right time," said head coach Fran McCaffery.

The Iowa track and field team has taken that to another degree.

"It was more about how we wanted to use it," said head coach Larry Wiesner. "And so I said, ‘Hey, we want to move to that 100 points.’ And one of our goals on our way to the Petersen is to be a 100-point team." Assistant coach Joe Woody said he talked with the team’s goals with his wife, Heather, who is a corporate-success coach. She suggested the team should score in a meet in a specific representation of how it performs.

The coaching staff went with the thermometer graphic for a specific reason, Woody said.

"Things are near ‘boiling’ as they enter the Big Ten outdoor championships," said Iowa’s Ben Ross.

"I’ve observed that if you get 100 points at the Big Ten meet, you’re usually in the top three," head coach Larry Wiesner said. "And so I said, ‘Hey, we want to move to that 100 points.’ And one of our goals on our way to the Petersen is to be a 100-point team."

The Iowa softball team has turned into a top-three team in the Big Ten after placing eighth one year ago.

"We try not to think about it," she said. "We try not to think about a successful season if they don’t win the conference, especially because this is only the second year coach Keim said she thinks the "Hawks don’t add any series with top-ranked Michigan. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Senior catcher Liz Watkins shone as Indiana’s runner out of 13 runs on Pearl Field on April 29. Watkins and the Hawkeyes can win the Big Ten this weekend if they can sweep Minnesota and if Purdue can take its series with top-ranked Michigan. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)
What other top stories?

**Olympic wrestling trials in Carver-Hawkeye Arena**

As a result of wrestling legend Dan Gable standing out in East Lansing, Michigan, the University of Iowa is hosting the Olympic wrestling trials in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Thousands of fans gathered in April to watch the event, which was filled with exciting moments.

**For more sports**

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Obama visits UI
President Obama visited the Field House on April 25 to discuss student loans and campus affordability.
More than 5,500 students and members of the UI community gathered in the Field House as Obama spoke for nearly an hour about the federal student loan situation he’s urging Congress to act on before July 1.
Interest rates for federal loans would double from 3.4% to 6.8% if Congress does not act to extend the rates for another year. Roughly 12.4 million students nationally receiving federal student loans would be affected by this legislation.
Following the speech, President Obama fielded questions from UI students, “Obama said during UI Visit. “Now is the time to double down on this because it wouldn’t be a good idea and wouldn’t be in the best interest of this country,” he said. “It’s a great opportunity for leaders to provide critical support for undergraduates.”
Federal student loans represent roughly 10 percent of loans bor-rowed by UI students in 2011-12. The average student at the grad- ing class of 2015 was $23,456, Warner said. The national student debt average is $24,500.

Dance Marathon breaks record
UI Dance Marathon raised more than $1 million as February’s Big Event started, raising more than $1.3 million for pediatric care.
“Dance Marathon is a way to remember our mom, our dad, our brother,” said UI sophomore Regan McInerney. “Dance Marathon is a big deal for UI undergraduates. The way we’re able to make money for pediatric cancer patients and their families.”
Dance Marathon has raised more than $1 million since the organization’s founding in 1995. This year’s participants honored the memory of Brandi Gabriel to raise funds for the UI Hospital Foundation.

Bloom sparks firestorm
University of Iowa journalism Professor Stephen Bloom wrote a long piece for The Atlantic about the Iowa lifestyle and culture and the college community discussion.
The article depicted a region of Iowa’s rural culture and discussed the state’s role in politics with its five-term Republican senators. Bloom also criticized two of his colleagues. The professor was so roundly lambasted he said he was flattered for his family’s safety.

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Thompson claimed he had frequently requested the documents but did not receive them until several weeks after the interviews. However, Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness said the defense did request those documents until Dec. 19.

Police in the dark.
“Police in the dark” was one of the headlines in The Daily Iowan reporter to question the timeliness of search efforts.

Santorum’s 16 percent.
Romney wins — er, no
Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney was initially declared the winner of the 2012 Iowa caucuses by a narrow margin on Jan. 3.
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Before the protesters courted the Field House on April 25, Obama discussed the high level of student debt in the county and advocated stopping a planned July 1 interest-rate hike on student loans. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

UI students perform as the UI students perform in the annual fall Shakespeare Festival on Friday, Sept. 22, 2011. The concert was performed by Good Luck Lock Band. (The Daily Iowan/Photo)

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