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Veterans fail to use education benefits

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Staff Writer

The Johnson County Consol­

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debate over the board mem­

The conservation board of

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counties operating on half the

budget of this board and each

of those three counties has

arranged their education pro­

grams, according to board

Chairman Wally Barger.

They're talking in the

vocalized a petulant tone

many times and they are not

able to keep it up, as much as

we'd like to.

THERE'S A big discount on

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make the point the Iowa

State Conservation Board has

certified Johnson County No. 1

in the services we provide and

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like that," Barger said.

I would like to go on record as

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programs in the other counties.

I have been informed by the

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"We will not see one until we

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UI seeks volunteers to test medication

The UI College of Medicine is seeking participants for a study testing a drug designed to treat obsessive and

By Brian Cloes

Staff Writer

A semi truck and trailer sus­

pected of carrying a

policeman's support wire while turn­

ing a corner at cornerback Drive and Court Street, according to Iowa City police reports.

The wire was blown out and the trailer received winter damage, reports state.

There were no charges filed Thursday, police said.

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University

Dorm residents anticipate advantages of new phones

By Shawn Mark

UI students living in residence halls said Thursday they were looking forward to the phones being installed in their rooms during the break.

"The phone system is an improvement," said UI senior Scott Miller, a 3rd year majoring in Computer Science. "It will be great!" "It's a real improvement," said UI freshman Scott Harris, a sophomore majoring in Business Administration.

The system will be installed in residences halls across campus.

The phone system will be able to take advantage of the new phones and the system's special features. Students will be able to call any number in the system and will not have to pay the regular rate.

Students will receive a card with their special long distance access code. They will be able to call the phone number on the card and dial the code to make a call.

"We have a chance to call who we want faster," said UI junior Britt Marcussen, a 3rd year majoring in Business Administration. "It's a great improvement." "It will be easier to call people," said UI senior Jane Smith, a 3rd year majoring in Business Administration. "I'm excited to see how it works."
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### What’s new? Just take a look

**By Michael Heene**

Terry Edwards, a student from Evanston, Ill., is one of many people who volunteer for different causes.

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#### Why liberals shouldn’t rejoice

**By Robert S. McFetridge**

LIBERALS OFTEN feel that they have a special role in the defense of the liberal objectives of the American society and that they must be actively engaged in the defense of liberal democracy, because liberals are a minority group and the majority of people today are not interested in liberal objectives.

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#### The Iran-U.S. feud

**By Dave Brogan**

The Iran-U.S. feud has been a long-running saga, with many political and economic implications. The United States has been accused of supporting the Iranian regime and providing military assistance, while Iran has charged the United States with interfering in its internal affairs.

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### Letters

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### Non-COMMENT

This Monday the UI Student Senate is holding a "non-comment" on the Pentrest to protest proposed tuition hikes. The "non-comment" will be held following the Jingis Khan festival and will continue until a satisfactory resolution is reached on this issue. The Student Senate resolution that did not raise tuition fees for the fall semester and will remain in effect until the next academic year.

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The University Editor

#### The irony of the moment

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The Iran-Contra Arms Deal

U.S. foreign policy advanced by selling weapons to Iran

By Steve Griffl.S

ROM READING: the paper says we did all the right things and the arms deal was a success. To look at things, it is apparent the arms deal was a success. The world has had itself is a good old girl and a success. Unfortunately, today, the arms deal is a success. The weak, the world has had itself is a new era of arms deal.

President George Shultz - "You ask me about my role in the diversion of funds for aid to the Nicaraguan resistance. My name in that case, I know nothing about it until came out... I don't know the facts, but from what I have seen and from what the Attorney General said, some things that took place were illegal. And so that's clearly a mistake."

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President Ronald Reagan - "Another country was facilitating those sales of weapons systems. They were overthrowing and we were apparently putting the money into bank accounts of the Contras. It wasn't us funding money to these people. It was another country... We did everything possible to get the truth and then we'll make the truth known."

Iran-Contra arms sales offset U.S. foreign policy

Even if Contra forces lose U.S. policies will linger on

By Dan McNeil

In the 1980s, many citizens were watching with great concern as the Reagan administration moved to support the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. This support was seen as a violation of the law and the Constitution, and it resulted in a scandal that continues to shape U.S. policy today.

The Iran-Contra arms deal was a turning point in U.S. foreign policy. It demonstrated the power of a strong executive branch to act independently of Congress and the public.

Analysis

Although the Iran-Contra affair is now largely forgotten, its legacy lives on. The scandal highlighted the weaknesses in the system of checks and balances, and it continues to shape U.S. foreign policy to this day.
Regional

Honorary degrees uncommmon at UI

By Joseph Levy

Some universities give honorary degrees to noted speakers, but at the University of Iowa, honorary degrees will be presented to 10 former students and two current students at commencement exercises.

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Controversy rages over animal rights

by Jan Coffman

An animal, black-haired chimpanzee stands alert to the right in a hospital laboratory. After the day is over, the chimp will be strapped to a table in a refrigerated room for a new experiment that will lead to the study of brain behavior.

The rite of passage is now a regular activity for researchers in laboratories around the country, especially in studies involving the use of animals.

But other wing of the same building, a young AIDS victim stands alert to the right in a hospital. After the day is over, the patient will be given a new vaccine and drug that will lead to the study of brain behavior.

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The chimp vs. the patient: the fates of two species are inextricably linked. In the next several weeks, more than 10,000 animals are expected to be used in research to test effects of high-powered lasers on the brain.

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Education is key to curbing AIDS panic

By Cynthia B. Koontz

Iowa Daily Iowa City, Iowa - Friday, December 12, 1986

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In late October, Kenneth General, a health educator for the University of Iowa AIDS virus will continue to spread unless the public becomes truly educated. Members of the Iowa City Community have responded to his concern with:

"People need to realize it's not a gay thing, but a public health concern," Joel Gray, former member of the Gay People's Union, said.

Michael Blake, a Gay People's Union member, said that some people with AIDS have taught him to appreciate life, but also caused him to fear for the "straight" population.

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FRANKLIN KOONTZ, UI clinical nurse director and pathologist, agreed that diminishing AIDS ignorance is the key, but mostly to stifle concerns about the disease.

Koontz, who has lectured at City and West high schools in Iowa City about sexually transmitted diseases, told revs about dangers of AIDS to his nurses.

These recent developments concerning AIDS in high school groups, he said, adding that he focuses on sexually transmitted diseases rather than AIDS.

"There are several research projects at the UI concerned with high school students," Koontz said.

"Education is needed to alleviate a potential mental health problem," Koontz said, "but AIDS is not a research problem, but a clinical problem."

ACCORDING TO the Iowa Department of Public Health, only 38 cases of AIDS have been reported in Iowa since the disease was first recognized. Because patients have died, compared to 38 known cases, Koontz estimated that at the most there are now 151 AIDS patients examined at UI Health, adding that the number of individuals who have returned to retain patient anonymity.

"One hospital in San Francisco hired a nurse to help the AIDS patients," Koontz said. "The number of overwhelming in Iowa would still be even larger.

Gray, who worked in one of the Bay Area General Hospital AIDS wards to which Koontz referred, said Iowa is "lagging behind" in dealing with AIDS patients, and those who are treated here may not be receiving proper care, either.

COUNSELING THESE patients is one of the concerns of the Research Psychologist's AIDS Support Group. Iowa City has shown a lot of interest in the group. The group has a broad range of people with an interest in AIDS, from family, friends and lovers, to people with the virus," she said.

Cook said most people here the most seen out, but there isn't much awareness in Iowa City of the AIDS virus.

"People think this isn't their problem," Gray said. "It's a mistake to think AIDS is only a problem for gay men.

Koontz referred a report by the Iowa Department of Public Health. In the report, there are 19 cases of AIDS in the state, with 16 of the patients having been hospital patients. The patients have been categorized as follows: homosexuals (1 percent), others known to be infected (5 percent), and blood transfusion (5 percent).

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Marchenko buried near prison grounds

MOSCOW — Soviet dissident Andrei Marchenko was buried Tuesday near a Soviet prison where he was exiled in death as in life — because officials rejected his wife's plea to take his body back to Russia.

Marchenko, 48, spent 39 years in Soviet prisons in an opposition movement that became known as glasnost. Marchenko's wife, Lariya Bogoraz, told The Associated Press on Monday that she asked Soviet officials to let her take his body back to Russia.
"Practical Bohemian" shows intelligence, wit of Einstein

By Jill Laurluten

HERE'S MORE to Albert Einstein than the Theory of Relativity. That's what actor Ed Metzger recently showed the public. When he performed his one-man play about Einstein the performer, Metzger took the audience on a journey through the life of physics' gen-

"I THINK Ed Einstein is better. Metzger made him more of a statesman. He almost seemed to be in his own way a second Groucho Marx. So when Ed Metzger looked in the mirror, he decided on Albert Einstein. He performed his one-man play about Einstein's life in the distant future, a life that didn't need to bother with the details of his time. An Equation is for Einstein a lot more than his hair. Metzger and his wife, Lacy, worked with the production of the play so carefully that they had to do research. What they found out was there was much more to the genius than his work in the field of physics. Metzger said. "THERE WAS A whole man. He loved music, painting, humor and jokes. Just

Ed Metzger

look at the way he dressed: the brassy sweaters, rumpled pants, no socks and long hair. He was an attractive man," Metzger said. The play's title comes from a nickname one of Einstein's students gave him. "Practical intelligence," he once said. Metzger said with the student saying, "Practical because we are slaves to all kinds of things... radii, electromagnetics and Bohemian because I refuse to be a master. I collect things I need for a hobby. A derringer and pigeons are needless if you have bedrock. And when you wear shoes, your hands can't do much work," Einstein said. Metzger and his wife finished the play's script in 1979 and had been performing at universities and theaters in the United States, including Johns Hopkins University and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, "The reviews were fantastic," Metzger said. "They rolled the critics into he.p. I just finally broke the mold of that special." Unfortunately, Metzger convinced himself a new special of one of a kind, baffled scientists. They call Ed Einstein," he said. In his last two TV performances, Metzger was still obvious. In "St. Elsewhere" he had a hard time. "Why not?" Metzger said. "But they wanted the fact that he was a welder in the movie. They said, 'no, it's not appropriate. Anyway they called Ed Einstein.' Metzger said the show was very interesting of Einstein, Metzger said. "I think he was a welder in the movie. They called Ed Einstein. ''Our home is open to him. It was always darkened. I don't have time to protest this decision. Metzger said the show was very interesting of Einstein, Metzger said. "I think he was a welder in the movie. They called Ed Einstein. ''Our home is open to him. It was always darkened. I don't have time to protest this decision. Metzger said the show was very interesting of Einstein, Metzger said. "I think he was a welder in the movie. Metzger said the show was very interesting of Einstein, Metzger said. "I think he was a welder in the movie. They called Ed Einstein. The play is in two acts, each 45 minutes long. "The hair minimizes the truth," Metzger said. "Practical intelligence, the wit of Einstein. Hal Holbrook does Mark Twain. Gabe Kaplan does Albert Einstein more than the Theory of Relativity. That's what actor Ed Metzger recently showed the public. When he performed his one-man play about Einstein the performer, Metzger took the audience on a journey through the life of physics' genius. Something's happening simultaneously with devastating reductions in financial aid. Accessibility to higher education is being seriously thwarted. The Board of Regents has decided to make this serious decision in the middle of finals week. You don't have time to protest this decision. So show your disapproval by not showing up on the Pentacrest Monday the 15th at 12:30. U of 1 Student Senate
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Democrats assemble to make plans for '88

WILLIAMSBURG, VA. (UPI) - Former Virginia Gov. Charles Robb gathered some of the nation's top centrist Democrats, including Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., and said they need new approaches to make the party a center of national purpose after a string of national failures.

Robb opened the first meeting of the Democratic Leadership Council, which he founded last year in an effort to move the party to the center of the nation's political spectrum. "Let this signal a beginning - a time for a new, broad-based, progressive Democratic leadership," Robb said. "Let us define a new vision of national purpose - one that looks to the future and to the potential of all Americans." While the council includes some of the established and mainstream Democrats, Robb has said they must embrace new groups for being a potential "diversity force. But democrats, he said, the leadership meeting disagreed, saying they represented the new mainstream of the party.

"THOSE PEOPLE are the mainstream Democrat," said Tom Bradley, former aide to President Jimmy Carter.

The council breaks up with each Democrat as it convenes, Hart, Kent Conrad, D-N.D., and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., as well as some 130 prison guards and some of the established and mainstream Democrats, scarcely were mentioned in an opening panel discussion on how to win in 1988. The council takes its name from its three chairman - Sen. Dick涵, D-Mo., and Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt.

Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson described the group's talent, but expressed concern time is beginning to run short for 1988.

ROBB TOLD THE council Democrats have to develop a stronger voice of the party, that deficit is a danger to the party, and that the consumer products tampering.

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JAPAN TEACHES GREAT LESSONS

By Fred Zinman Sports Editor

The Iowa men’s team opened its season soundly defeating the Japanese 281.85-274.45 in the North Field House.

Iowa got a slow start on the pommel horse 45.05 and two events, "O.U.’s", was the closest the Hawkeyes would come as the Japanese clearly evident.

Men’s Gymnastics

However, Iowa Coach Tom Dunn said, “I thought we scored a little better, but that seemed harder to get at mistakes.”

Japan’s Eiichi Ishizuka won the all-around scoring 56.60 on eight events.

Iowa’s Ron Nuber, came the closest to matching the Japanese with the Cornhuskers, who scored at last one meet.

Iowa’s best was expected, Dunn said, “I thought we have scored a little better, but that wasn’t the case.”

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Japan gets a leg up on Iowa

All-Star team teaches men great lesson

By Brad Zimanak

The Iowa men's gymnastics team opened its season by being soundly defeated by the Japanese All-Stars, 281.85-274.45, Thursday night in the North Gym of the Iowa Field House.

Iowa got a close start on the scored form with a score of 46.1 and even down after seven years, 98.8. That was the closest the Hawkeyes would get and the lead was clearly evident.

Men's Gymnastics

The Japanese All-Stars have been defeated 17 times in 17 encounters, and they have one competetion on the road this year in Berkeley, Calif., that finished around 2,500 in the Iowa Field House.

"I was expecting a 70 or so," Iowa Coach Tom Doss said. "I thought we could be competitive because we didn't have many mistakes.

"I never said we would have something to show in the first few games." 

"The junior guard is start the same seven years at 7-0, face a tough Missouri 11th-ranked Hawks take show on the road

Iowa is coming off a dual event as he scored a body hit and we had a few

said.

"We're going to be tough tough tonight," Iowa Head Coach Don Davis said. "It's a tough night for us every night, but that's the way it's going to be for the third time in seven years.

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Women's track team turns in strong performance in meet

By Robert Moren
Staff Writer

The Iowa women's indoor track team is off to a good start in several events so far this season. The women have already set some strong performances and a freshmen broke a school record at the team's annual intrasquad meet at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on November 14.

The top three events at that meet were the triple jump, high jump and the 1,000-meter run. The women's triple jump team had Franchesca Ronga, sophomore Traci Claussen and sophomore Shelley Senior perform impressively. Each of the three women jumped more than 46 feet. The previous record was held by Lisa Moats, who leaped 50 feet in her final season at Iowa.

"THE FIELD EVENT was a highlight," Hassard said. "The high jump and the triple jump were two of our strongest performances of the meet." McMillan won her second event of the afternoon, when she won the triple jump. Both sophomore Traci Claussen and sophomore Janelle Jaspers had good jumps when they cleared 51 feet. Senior Shelley Bodies centered her solid performance with a jump of 53 feet, breaking the shot 46-feet 1.

Women's Track

Three Iowa runners ran strong in the 1,800, all coming in under five minutes. Freshman Michelle Rimpson won the event in 4 minutes, 56 seconds. Sophomore Nick Schwinn was second in 4:51.8 and senior Jeffly Harper was third in 5:06.6. Rimpson ran unattached, won in 10:39.9. Sophomore Renee Doyle in the 3,000, winning the event in 9:37.9.

Francesco Seppeo and Mike Doyle turned in a good performance in the 3,000-meter run.

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Iowa Hawkeyes, 6-1 after

Iowa Coach Dan Gable

Northern Iowa Coach Briggs

Northern Iowa-Iowa meet will

This year, "This
time to earn a permanent spot on Iowa's travel
time will be between Greg Randall and

We haven't been swimming anything," Iowa Coach Dan Gable said.

Northern Iowa-Iowa meet will be the first time for Patton's squad, and

"This is always a good meet for us to go in and see what some of our

The Hawkeyes were

The Hawkeyes will

The biggest surprise this season has been the development of

Iowa on the Friday before

"I've cut back on my training," Briggs said.

Meanwhile, Iowa will be

Iowa will be looking to

Kirk Shedenhelm coached the Hawkeyes for four years, defeated Randall

Patton said that he will wrestle

Dave Gable said that he will wrestle

Kirk Shedenhelm, who currently holds the Big Ten's best times in both the 50

"We're not too concerned about our times," Patton said.

"I'm sure they've developed over the past couple of weeks."

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From the Editor's Desk

Schoolchildren share holiday spirit

The holiday season is upon us, and kids of all ages are filled with anticipation. Unfortunately, as we get older, we sometimes lose track of the true meaning of Christmas. We shop and bake and entertain, but we seldom stop to think of the love and generosity this holiday truly represents.

That’s why The Daily Iowan staff asked Iowa City elementary schoolchildren to share with our readers their perceptions about Christmas.

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from the Iowa City School District were asked to submit essays and drawings pertaining to the theme: “What the holidays mean to me.”

Shannon Grimm, a fourth grader at Roosevelt Elementary School captured top honors in our poster contest. Her drawing depicted children around the world passing gifts from person to person, year after year:

“An ancient ancestor to our modern cake is described in an ancient text: ‘A cake baked in the home, there is no better way to use the abundance of fruit, nuts, and honey in the winter months.’ The cake becomes a marker of time construction, its keeping qualities allowing it to be shared with year’s worth of love and warmth.”

— Sarah Holmes, Grade 5, Grant Wood Elementary School

I used to think that Christmas was a time to eat cookies, cakes and to get presents. But this year I feel different.

While shopping, in downtown Cedar Rapids, I started to buy Christmas presents. Not for myself but for my friends and family. All of the sudden I got the real feeling of Christmas. I thought about my grandparents whom I haven’t seen quite a long time. I began to miss my aunt and uncles who live very far away. I wanted them here. Not their presents, but them. Now I feel like Christmas is a time to see family to give presents as well.

— Sarah Allen, Grade 4, Roosevelt Elementary School

On behalf of The Daily Iowan staff, and Iowa City’s elementary schoolchildren, Happy Holidays!

Mary Boone
Editor

There are many recipes from many sources, all seem competent.

Thorough instructions are generally at a shortage when preparing the cakes. The candied fruit, if the grocery store variety, should be rinsed with boiling water to remove any preservatives and odors (please) then macerated for at least 12 hours in liquor(s). The baking pan should be deep, the sides and bottom lined with buttered parchment. The batter should fill the pan no more than three-quarters full. A parchment collar should be fastened around the pan extending another couple of inches above the rim. This will deflect heat, reduce browning and prevent a high dome. Fruitcake should bake slowly. A light, low fruit recipe could bake at 350°F, but a very dark, high fruit content should bake at 275°F. Baking time depends on size shape and temperature; get out your cake tester. Classic storage recommendations call for wrapping the cooled cake in liquor-soaked cheesecloth or muslin, adding liquor once a week for a month, and checking for every three to six months thereafter. During this aging period, it should also be wrapped in plastic, then foil and placed in a tin stored at cool room or cellar temperature.

Now the moment for consumption finally arrives. To enjoy and serve to an appreciative audience, cut the room temperature cake with a sharp knife dipped in warm water. But what to drink? An accompanying beverage will, if well chosen, extend the sensuality to the palate. Or, in the case of coffee, destroy them.

What else goes well with fruitcake? A roasting fire, a gentle snow and three days holiday. Anything else is entirely optional.
Christmas in America

Stint as Santa warms writer's heart

By Mike Trilk
Staff Writer

Things haven't changed much since I was a youngster, as far as Santa Claus goes.

I'm sure you remember the scenario: Mom mom from the day after Thanksgiving — every day — until she finally breaks down and takes you to see Santa.

The funny thing was that after all the waiting and nagging, once you got to see Santa, most kids acted like the old jolly man was a common criminal. Nobody wanted anything to do with him. Lots of kids with crying faces screamed for their parents. And, of course, there were your parents pushing you up on his lap, those same parents who could've cared less if you saw Santa before Christmas or not.

Last Friday I found out first hand what it was like to be Santa — from the other side of those famous white whiskers.

Not once, but twice, I donned the fancy red and white suit which has made Santa a god in the eyes of children worldwide.

MY FIRST STINT as Santa was at the Old Capitol Center. I only had an hour to figure out why people wanted to see Santa; but an hour was more than enough as the answer came to me faster than old Santa himself could ramble off the names of his eight reindeers.

When I first thought about playing Santa, I figured it would be fun and easy job. I mean, there can't be too much to listening to what kids want for Christmas. As the day drew near, though, I found that playing Santa isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Old St. Nick has to be a very jolly person. I had that part down, I can be jolly with the best of them. But not all of the requests Santa hears are for mealy old toys.

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Celebrities ask for cash, victories

By Joseph Levy
Staff Writer

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HOLIDAYS IN OTHER LANDS

Mexico

By Betty Sue Simpson
Special to The Daily Iowan

In Mexico, the celebration of Christmas lasts a long time.

By Dec. 16, the festivities have begun, perhaps with children who go from house to house singing, carrying with them a small, decorated tree (called la rama), and receiving money for their efforts, which they later divide among themselves.

Adult groups sometimes carry a small nacimiento (nativity) with them as they go from house to house, singing out their requests for food and shelter.

At the first two houses, the reply from within is "No, this is not the place to stay." At the third house, however, the singers are invited inside, where they are served food and drink, or where a posada (Christmas party) might take place.

UI student Martha Perez-Cetina, from Veracruz, Mexico, explains the significance of this ritual.

"They are trying to relive the journey of Joseph and Mary — how nobody wanted to let them in," she said.

The opening of doors at the third house, then, relates to how the holy family finally found shelter. Even the word posada is related to this family's trek. It means "inn" or "lodging place."

POSADAS ARE FESTIVE occasions, with plenty of food and drink, some posadas last all night. A soup-like dish called menudo (made from tripe, spices and onions) might be served for breakfast.

"It's very good," said Carmen Frias, of Monterrey, Mexico.

A traditional event at the posada is the breaking of the piñata.

"Inside the piñata you have a lot of fruits, nuts, candies and sometimes, money. The candies represent the good things that can happen to you," says Perez-Cetina.

Pastorelas, reenactments of the story of the birth of Christ, are staged at some posadas.

"It's a very typical tradition. Every year they're more modern. We also might have a comedy to show how bad the devil is and how good the angels are," said Alejandro Leon-de-la-Barra, a UI student from Mexico City.

Although Christmas trees are used in Mexico, a more significant tradition to the Mexicans is that of creating their own nacimientos (nativity scenes).

"They can build the whole town where Jesus was born," said Leon-de-la-Barra. "There can be mirrors (for water) and little ducks on top. Almost the whole floor of the living room is covered. We dedicate ourselves more to that than the tree."

MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE is the traditional time to gather the family together for the holiday meal, which consists of turkey, fruit salads and bacalao (codfish). In some families, presents are opened after the meal; in others, they are opened in the morning.

Some Mexican children believe in Santa Claus (a U.S. influence), while others believe their Christmas treasures are brought by the Nino Dios (Baby Jesus).

Sidel Sajardo-Acosta from Guadalajara, Mexico, described the next step in the Christmas celebration.

"On 6 de enero (Jan. 6), los tres reyes magos (the Three Wise Men) come with another set of presents, and the typical rosca — a huge donut-shaped, fruitcake-like bread — is eaten.

"Inside the rosca is a plastic figure representing the Baby Jesus, and whoever finds the figure (in his piece of rosca) has to throw another party later in the year," Sajardo-Acosta said.

"Christmas and the Wise Men go together," Sajardo-Acosta said. "They represent the opening and closing of the Holy Days."

Many Mexicans no longer observe the Jan. 6 celebration, and Leon-de-la-Barra added: "It was much more important when I was little."

Perez-Cetina offers further explanation: "The reyes are more important than Santa Claus in small towns and with the middle and lower classes. The rich have other kinds of traditions."

It seems most of the U.S. Christmas traditions observed in Mexico are popular with wealthy Mexicans, while those of lesser income cling to the traditional.

KARL KATES, AN AMERICAN who spent three years living in Mexico, thinks the Mexican and U.S. Christmas are similar.

"It's a blend of culture," he said. However, he describes the Mexican Christmas as "not so commercial. It's more family-oriented."

Carmen Frias and her husband, Juan Rodriguez, can describe in detail Mexico's Christmas traditions, but they choose not to practice them. To them, Christmas is "an opportunity to see relatives" and "to keep the family together."

"We think and talk about those who have died," Frias said.

Perez-Cetina and Leon-de-la-Barra agreed that time with family is the best part of Christmas.

"I can see cousins, or close friends or people living in another state," added Perez-Cetina.

Creating the nacimiento is also important to Leon-de-la-Barra.

"The whole time I'm working on it, I think of Christmas and the real reasons why we celebrate it."

Time with family is just as special to Sajardo-Acosta, who described Christmas as "a time for coming out of oneself, coming into a time of giving to others. That's difficult to do in a culture where things are geared toward the 'self.'"
Netherlands

By Judy Roblema
Special to The Daily Iowan

What! No presents on Christmas! As
unimaginable as that may seem to many
Americans, UI students from Holland and
the Netherlands say Christmas back home is
much less commercialized.

"In our country Christmas is less com-
mercialized than here," said Alex Rosaria,
a student from Curacao, Netherlands.
"Also, you don't buy presents to put
under the tree at home."

Rosemarie Nederend, of Eerveer,
Netherlands, said her country celebrates
Christmas by eating, visiting friends and
relatives and going to church.

"The accent is more on being a family
together and on the food part," said
Nederend, a junior interior design major.

NEDEREND SAID that the legend of St.
Nicholas started more than 400 years ago
as a religious legend but has since become
more commercial, like the American
legend of Santa Claus.

"It is a real legend," she said. "I think
he was a bishop. People have respect for
him. He is not fat. He is tall and more
religious-looking. Here he is just a funny
old man."

Like Santa Claus, however, St. Nicholas
knows if children have been bad or good
and brings presents to the good children.

"St. Nicholas is an old guy from Spain
who rides on a white horse and is
always accompanied by at least two black
slaves," Cicilia said. "These black slaves
carry whips and bags with gifts, but if
you've been naughty they might whip you
and put you in the bag and take you to
Spain."

Nederend explained that Dutch children
put wooden shoes by the chimney instead
of candy. She said. "The giving season for
English students, most of whom come here as part of various
exchange programs.

Davey, an exercise science major,
came here as a recruit for Hawkeye Coach
Glenn Petron's swimming team and has
remained one of the team's top sprinters.
The one thing he remembers about Christ-
mas back home is Christmas pudding.

"IT'S THIS CAKE, sort of a black ball,"
Davey said. "It's really rich, sort of like a
fruitcake, but it has sherry, whiskey or
brandy in it as well."

In addition, the pudding customarily has
a sixpence, an English coin, baked in the
middle, and the finder will enjoy good
luck for the next year.

Davey hasn't been back to Manchester,
England, his hometown, for
Christmas since he's attended the UI, but this year
will be especially difficult for him.

"We'll (the swimming team) be spend-
ing three weeks in Hawaii over the break,"
Davey lamented. "The training facilities
are ideal, and we'll also be swimming a
meet with Hawaii."

Other UI students who call Great Britain
their home have more traditional plans for
their holiday break.

Josephine Day, a junior from Liverpool,
England, said she's flying home for
Christmas and staying the entire month.

"I'LL BE SPENDING Christmas Day with
my older sister and her son, as well as my
mum and dad," she said. "And, after
dinner, my brother and sister-in-law and
their kid come over as well."

Sounds very much like our own celeb-
trations.

Well, wait till you hear about Boxing
Day.

"No one seems to know how Boxing
Day got started," said Martin Illingworth,
who, like Day, is on a direct exchange
program between the UI and Hull Univer-
sity in England. "Maybe it's a connec-
tion with boxing as a sport."
Barbara's bakery constructs houses from gingerbread

By Mary Boone

Sugar-covered cookies, fancy chocolates and hefty fruitcakes are the best part of Christmas in the minds — and stomachs — of connoisseurs the world over.

But no Christmas food is as beautiful or deep in tradition as the whimsical gingerbread house.

Bakers and cake decorators at Barbara's Bake Shoppe, 222 E. Washington St., are already hard at work preparing gingerbread houses for the holiday season.

"This is the first year we've made them in the store," said Dennis Arnold, owner of the Iowa City bakery. "We used to see commercially made houses, but someone suggested we make them ourselves this year. It was just kind of a lark but it's been a lot of fun."

SHIRLEY KLEIN, a cake decorator at Barbara's, has made most of the bakery's houses so far.

"We learned to make the gingerbread houses at school," said Klein, a graduate of Dunwoody Industrial in Minneapolis. Klein talked Arnold into offering locally made houses and has since constructed about five of the bakery's gingerbread houses.

Some people eat them, but most simply use them for decoration," Klein said. "If you're really careful and wrap it up in paper, the house should last a couple years.

The frosting, which is used to fasten the joints and to decorate the houses, is made from egg whites, powdered sugar and cream of tartar. The frosting holds color well and a form of the mixture was originally used in medieval art. The decorative icing dries hard and keeps indefinitely.

ARNOLD SAID HIS family likes to set out a gingerbread house shortly after Thanksgiving and then eats the house on Christmas.

"It's really very good to eat," Arnold said. "After it sits for a while, the icing becomes really, really hard — just like hard candy."

The local bakers said they got their recipe from Arnold's wife and developed decorating ideas from a number of magazine articles about the houses.

The original gingerbread house is thought to have been invented by Jacob Grimm in the 18th century when he wrote of the witch's house in "Hansel and Gretel."

Roofs, sides and chimney pieces of the house are cut and then baked. After the pieces cool, the actual construction begins.

FROSTING JOINTS hold the house together. Icing is put through a decorating tube to form trim on the house. Cookies and candy canes are used for doors and windows. Icing, representing snow, hangs off the roof.

An icing lawn is made complete with a candy sidewalk and an icing-covered ice cream cone becomes a pine tree.

"This is a great chance to be creative," Klein said. "But you really can't mess up. This is really detailed work. It doesn't work to get the house all done and then smudge the roof trim up. It's not like cake decorating in that aspect; you can't fix mistakes very easily."

It takes Klein between one and one and a half hours to decorate a single gingerbread house but Arnold said she's getting faster with practice.

"EACH OF THE HOUSES is a little different," Arnold said. "We've had three people make houses, and they all have different styles. The first one was the hardest for each of them, now they all have their own styles."

Arnold, who has an art degree from the UI and studied architecture at Iowa State University, said his schooling really hasn't helped much as he's constructed the gingerbread cottages.

"You really can't learn to make houses any way other than actually making them," he said.

The bakery is making the gingerbread houses by special order and has a few on display. Each of the houses sells for $20.

In addition to the gingerbread houses, Barbara's is doing big Christmas business with sugar and butter cookies, cake and bread wreaths.

"We love the Christmas season because we do very well," Arnold said.

But Barbara's Bake Shoppe isn't the only place to get a gingerbread house — you can make one yourself.

The list of ingredients varies and each decorator has his own style, but this is a basic recipe from Mimi Sheraton's Visions of Sugarplums:

Gingerbread House

1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
Grind of 1 lemon and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 tablespoon ginger

1 cup dark corn syrup
2 eggs
6 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup powdered sugar

Decorative icing

Cream butter with sugar until light and fluffy. Mix in grated rind and spices. Bring corn syrup to a boil with sugar until well mixed. Add to mix, stir well. Use as much flour as possible to form a smooth, pliable appearance. Roll in waxed paper and chill 1 hour.

Draw pattern for house on stiff paper, cut out pieces. Divide dough into several sections and roll each on a lightly floured board to 1/8 inch thickness. Carefully roll dough onto two large buttered baking sheets. Place paper pattern on dough and cut around it.

Bake in 350 degree oven for 15 to 18 minutes or until pieces are an even golden brown. Cool on a rack. Meanwhile, make icing (beat 2 eggs, 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar, 2 teaspoons water and then add 2 1/2 to 3 cups powdered sugar) and put it in a pastry bag.

Use the icing to fasten joints and design your gingerbread house. The roof can be frosted and candies can be used for shingles.
The excitement of Christmas is in getting together with family. That's always been the special part," says Milo Pecina.

"There wasn't always a lot of money for Christmas back in the old days. For presents we would get fruit and things like underwear," she said. "It was always fun anyway.

GANKA REMEMBERS one year when money was exceptionally scarce and she and her husband had to get one big present for the five of their children to share.

"We bought them a big, new, shiny, red wagon," she said. "We couldn't wait to see their faces. But, when they got up in the morning the first thing they went for was their stockings and they got real excited because there were oranges in them. I gave them orange juice everyday. I guess that's just the holiday spirit."
Coming Distractions

Friday 12/12
At the Ballys — "Racingman" (1959). The impact of a rape in Chicago and the efforts of a man to right the wrong are graphically portrayed in this film. 7:30 p.m. at the Bally's.

At the Bijou — "Ballet" (1959). 7:30 p.m. at the Bijou. This independent film is a look at how the ballet world operates.

Saturday 12/13
At the Bijou — "Riding Blazes" (1968). 6:45 p.m. at the Bijou. This film focuses on a family's struggle to keep their horse racing business alive.

Sunday 12/14
At the Bijou — "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946). 12 p.m. at the Bijou. James Stewart stars in this classic holiday film.

Monday 12/15
At the Bijou — "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946). 12 p.m. at the Bijou. James Stewart stars in this classic holiday film.

Tuesday 12/16
At the Bijou — "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946). 12 p.m. at the Bijou. James Stewart stars in this classic holiday film.

Wednesday 12/17
At the Bijou — "Dancing with the Dead" (1989). 7:30 p.m. at the Bijou. Based on a true story, this film follows the journey of a young woman on her quest to find love.

Thursday 12/18
At the Bijou — "The Color of Money" (1986). 7:30 p.m. at the Bijou. The story of a pool hall owner who becomes a world champion.

Movies in town:
Three Amigos! Chevy Chase, Steve Martin and Martin Short. Screening at the Old West.

The Color of Money: Tom Cruise, Paul Newman and Burt Reynolds. Screening at the Old West.

Heartbreak Ridge: Rob Lowe in the role of a life-time. Screening at the Old West.

Pee-Wee's Big Adventure: Pee-Wee Herman in his first major film. Screening at the Old West.

Nightlife: Live music, a rock 'n' roll band, will perform tonight at the Student Union Ballroom.