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**UI freshman Lindsay Peterson pours water from her Britta water pitcher Monday afternoon. Many students own water filtration devices due to the low quality of Iowa City's water.**

## Trapped ice taints I.C.'s water

By Emily Shack  
 The Daily Iowan

Although complaints about Iowa City water have run rampant in the past few weeks, Iowa City and UI water officials insist there's no need to shut off the tap.

The taste of the water became unusual on Feb. 15, as the water level in the Coralville Reservoir, a primary source for Iowa City and UI water, was lowered, said Carol Sweeting, public information education coordinator for the Iowa City Water Department. The water that was trapped under ice in the reservoir during the winter comes out virtually blackened, due to its winterlong stagnation, Sweeting said.

"This causes a tremendous taste and odor problem, and takes more chlorine to disinfect," Sweeting said. "We use the optimum amount to kill any bacteria."

UI junior Jill Rohlena, who lives in Currier Residence Hall, said she has noticed the changes in water quality in her building. She said the water fountains in Currier smell and taste like a swimming pool due to the chlorine.

"The worst part is the showers, because I feel like I go swimming every time I bathe," Rohlena said. "Everyone I know buys lots of body lotion to combat dry skin, which the water also seems to cause."

Ken Lloyd, water utilities manager for the UI Water Plant, said the problem is an aesthetic one, not a health concern. The water presently contains certain compounds that form from the chlorination process. The human nose can be extremely sensitive to these compounds, which explains complaints about the unpleasant taste and smell of the water.

Although there are no health concerns due to the water, Sweeting said houses closer to the water plant will experience a greater amount of chlorination in their

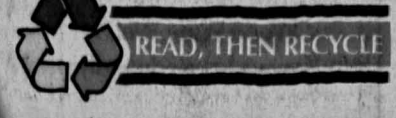
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# Wheeler works for equal treatment

Former UI track coach joined civil-rights leaders in fight for same rights as whites

By Jennifer Cassell  
 The Daily Iowan

From running track as a UI student to marching for civil rights in the 1960s, former UI track coach Ted Wheeler has strived continually toward creating educational opportunities for himself and other African-Americans.

Wheeler was the UI's head track coach for 24 years before his retirement in 1996. Ever since he enrolled as an undergraduate student in 1950, he has been a UI recruiter for 45 years and counting. Along with traveling around the world, he

For more coverage of black history at the UI, see Pages 6A and 7A.

worked for civil rights with such leaders as Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesse Jackson.

He had something for which to fight, after enduring a childhood of struggles in his native Georgia. His grandfather was only 12 years old when slavery ended, and he wanted more than anything for his children to be raised as free human beings. While his grandfather talked to him about slavery, Wheeler's father, who

worked in the fields as a sharecropper, insisted education be the top priority of the family.

"Education was a hallmark in any black community," Wheeler said. "Reading and writing by slaves was against the law, so what you couldn't have you want the most."

After attending high school in Evanston, Ill., Wheeler came to the UI as a distance runner and political science major. At that time, not many Big Ten schools allowed blacks to run track. The UI offered one of the few opportunities for an education and a career in track.

"When I was coming up in the South, education was the most important thing. Athletics was pretty secondary," he said. "But it came to my attention that you could get financial-aid support as an athlete to go to college."

Wheeler set out to be the first black person in the world to run distance. He became the first black to be named All-American in cross-country and made the U.S. Olympic team in the 1500 meter race.

One of the reasons Wheeler said he chose to stay at the UI for such a long time is because of the opportunities he received as a black student-

athlete that many other institutions in the country would not give.

"Iowa is an unusual place. It gave me a chance to run and to get an education," he said. "I've always felt that it was a place where you have a better chance, and that's better than no chance at all."

Although blacks were allowed to participate in athletics, racism was still prominent at the UI. During Wheeler's time as a student, blacks weren't allowed to live in the residence halls and the number of social events in which they could take place was limited.

"In Iowa, the institutions are very racist, whether it's the church or the police department," he said. "But there (also) seems to be a high level of people with compassion and a commitment for fairness. They have an individual standard that eventually becomes public."

Despite discrimination, Wheeler said he thinks Iowa is more fair than several other places, and he harbors many sentimental feelings toward the UI because of his long history with it.

"In an imperfect world, this is as close as one can get and still have a chance to affect people," he said. "I look at this as the best place in America to live, the best place in the

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Rob Mellett/The Daily Iowan

Former UI track coach Ted Wheeler details his commitment to assist students in higher education. Wheeler, who retired during the summer of 1996, continues to recruit students for the UI and help with scholarship assistance.



Joe Friedrich/The Daily Iowan

Lighting up the night on the UI's 150th birthday, left, UI freshmen Angie Leibrand and Kate Everett admire the scene.

## History revisited at the Old Capitol

By Brendan Brown  
 The Daily Iowan

The halls of the historic Old Capitol were filled with birthday cheer Tuesday night as hundreds gathered to commemorate the UI's sesquicentennial.

UI President Mary Sue Coleman, who presided over the festive occasion, said it was an unequalled success.

"I don't think it could have gone any better. We were able to accomplish everything we wanted to and we brought together a great mix of people," she said. "It's been a wonderful, wonderful time. Events like these bring us together. It's just fun to have a party."

The event was kicked off by the cutting of the birthday cake. As the public milled through the Old Capitol enjoying their cake and punch, they were treated to the UI sesquicentennial display created for the state fair, exhibits containing items from the UI's past and tours of rooms that used to house state and UI business.

Visitors also were able to view a re-enactment of the Feb. 25, 1847 legislative session that created the UI. Current state legislators wrestled over the details of bringing the new school to life while they ad-libbed debates with personal and



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Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, portrays Speaker Pro Tempore Smyley H. Bonham from Johnson County Tuesday afternoon during the re-enactment of the creation of the UI held in the House Chambers of the Old Capitol building.

political overtones that frequently caused the gallery to break into laughter.

The re-enactment was followed by speeches by two Iowa governors who paid tribute to the educational tradition the UI has built during 150 years.

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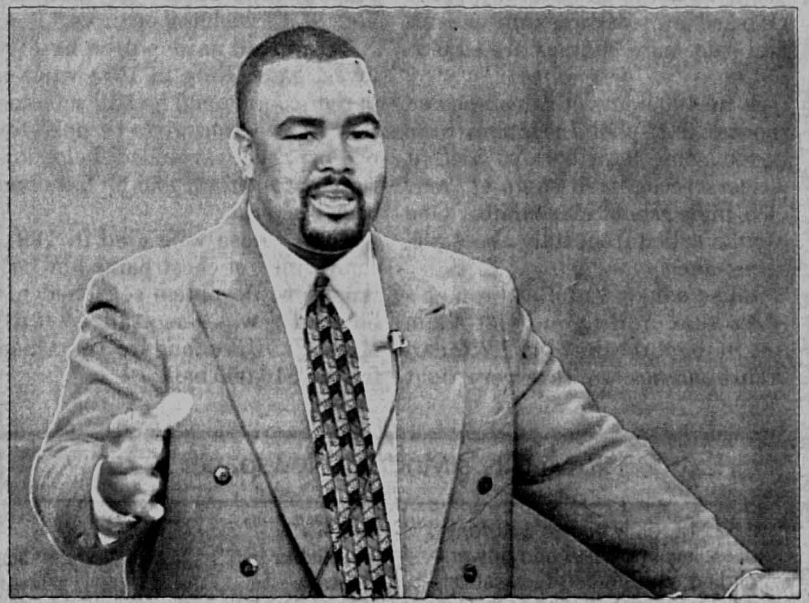
## Ex-gang member recounts former life

After living on the streets for years, man turns his life around

By Jennifer Cassell  
 The Daily Iowan

Rudolph "Rockhead" Johnson's violent resistance to authority put him in jail for 20 years. But when the prison gates opened and he walked out a free man, the former gang member took a new track and became a mentor with the Amer-I-Can program.

Johnson, 35 years old and a former Crip gang member from Compton, Los Angeles, spoke about being shot and stabbed several times and spending eight years in solitary confinement Tuesday evening in



Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan

Former gang member Rudolph "Rockhead" Johnson speaks about his experiences with gangs Tuesday night in the Boyd Law Building. The event was co-sponsored by the Iowa Lawyers Guild and the Iowa Student Bar Association.

the Boyd Law Building.

"The gray hairs on my head don't have anything to do with my age, but the life I've lived," he said.

Johnson comes from a family of nine children, all of whom have different fathers. He grew up never knowing his father and being abused by his mother and ran away

from home at the age of 10 to become affiliated with the Crips in 1972.

"Growing up in Compton, all I knew was the streets," he said. "With my homeboys I got support love and affection; therefore, I devoted my life to Compton."

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## Salaries entice students to become UISG execs

By Kristin Bauer  
 The Daily Iowan

The six executive leaders of the UI Student Government get hefty salaries by student standards, but few in the general public know the actual income.

The UISG president and vice president receive \$7,492.50 per year with a minimum of 20 hours a week, the three executive senators receive \$4,995 per year with a minimum of 20 hours per week and the financial adviser and public relations person receive \$3,995 per year with a minimum of 15 hours per week.

Publicizing the pay rate of UISG executives could entice more students to become involved, said Regina Utz, a graduate professional senator and third-year law student.

Utz said the student body has a right to know the amount UISG executives get paid.

"This money is taken out of our tuition," Utz said. "If more students knew that, then maybe they would want to pay more attention to what

## UISG Salaries

■ President: Marc Beltrame  
 Vice President: Rob Wagner  
 \$7,492.50 each  
 Minimum required hours: 20 per week

■ Three senate executives:  
 Undergraduate Colleague Senator: Meghan Henry  
 Undergraduate Activites Senator: Allison Miller  
 Undergraduate Professional Student Senator: John Jones  
 \$4,995 each  
 Minimum required hours: 20 per week

■ Financial Officer: Rakhi Roy  
 Public Relations: Heather Kramer  
 \$3,995 each  
 Minimum required hours: 15 per week

Source: UI Student Government DI/WL

the government is doing with it." Utz said unpublicized salaries demonstrate poor politics and create a stagnation in the election of

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## Metro & Iowa

# One-Eyed Jake's license, permit renewed

By Renee Bovy  
The Daily Iowan

After more than two years of threats from the city to shut its doors, One-Eyed Jake's liquor license and dance permit were renewed Tuesday in a 6-0 City Council vote.

Mike Porter, the proprietor of One-Eyed Jake's, 18-20 S. Clinton St., was under fire from the city to submit a plan that would increase and expand the bar's current fire exits. Porter submitted a plan in June 1996 that did not meet City Council standards. However, Porter's most recent plan for renovations has met city standards.

Porter said he plans to add a new addition at the rear of the bar that would include an improved fire escape. Currently, the only fire escape from the third to the second floor is a ladder. Porter said the addition will include a staircase fire escape along with increased dance-floor space.

The council said Porter will have six months to complete the renovations to One-Eyed Jake's.

However, Porter said he was not aware of the six-month restriction and he initially planned on beginning construction at the end of this year.

"I thought we were going to start construction at the end of the year,

but they just threw this six-month thing at me. If it is six months, we'll just throw a few nails in the wall and start the project," Porter said.

In other council business, councilors voted 6-0 in the first of three votes necessary to change the zoning of the East College Street district and the College Green district to a Historic Preservation Zone.

Douglas Russell, a representative from the Historic Preservation Commission, said it is important to preserve neighborhoods such as College Green and East College Street because neighborhoods preserved now will benefit current residents and generations to come.

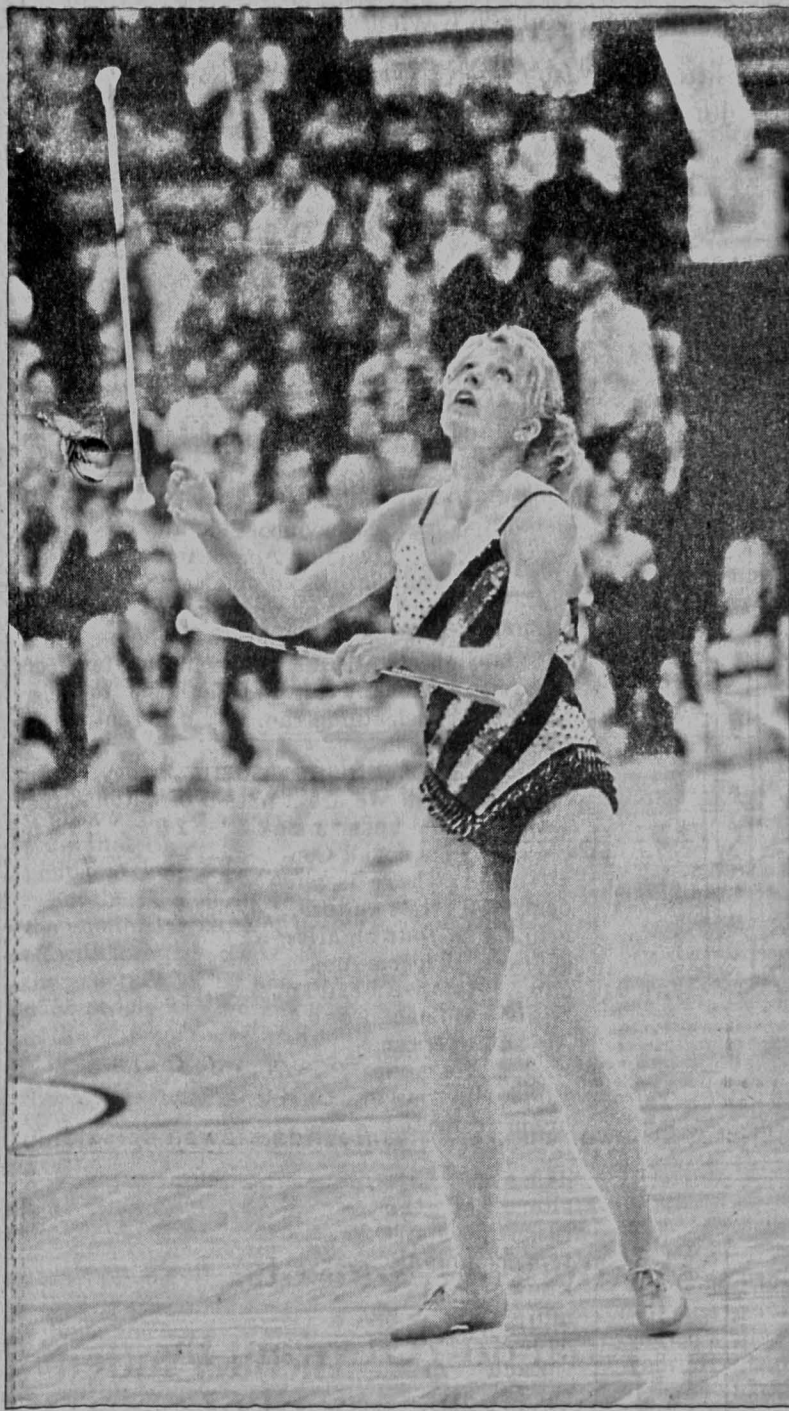
"Drive out to Coralville where

they don't have this type of zoning and listen to all the cars and smell the exhaust fumes and ask if you like that better than an area like Brown Street?" Russell said.

Russell said all historic buildings have an importance, and asked what the UI campus would be like without the Old Capitol, which is a protected building.

Councilor Karen Kubby said she was excited to have the areas zoned as historic districts, and passing the ordinance will maintain the integrity of a close-in neighborhood.

The City Council will vote again on the Historic District ordinance and the new budget plan at next Tuesday's meeting.



Brian Moore/The Daily Iowan

Tanya Pennock performs her routine at a recent Hawkeye basketball game. Pennock, a UI senior, has been the Golden Girl during Hawkeye football-game halftimes for the past five years.

## Golden Girl named Miss Johnson County

By Will Valet  
The Daily Iowan

The UI's baton-twirling "Golden Girl" Tanya Pennock now has one more title to catch as she goes to the Miss Iowa competition this May.

Pennock, a UI senior, has been the Golden Girl during Hawkeye football-game halftimes for the past five years. The recent winner of the Miss Johnson County title on Feb. 8 is no stranger to the beauty-pageant circuit. Last year, she ran for Miss Missouri, her home state, but decided running in Iowa would be easier this year.

"I don't do pageants regularly," she said. "I just thought it was a good scholarship and I felt I had the talent to win it."

The Miss Johnson County competition has four parts: swimsuit (worth 15 percent), evening wear (15 percent), interview (30 percent) and talent (40 percent). Pennock said she believes the interview and talent competitions are what put her over the top.

"The interview winner was the only one that was announced, because you get a \$100 savings bond, and I won that," she said. "In the Miss America competition, you have to have a platform, so the interview was mostly based on that. There's also a lot of current-events questions, so I kept up with my reading before the competition."

For the talent competition, Pennock did a baton-twirling routine. She has studied and practiced baton twirling for 17 years, since she was 5 years old. Pennock, who will graduate in May, said her

experience as Golden Girl has given her a chance to perform on a regular basis.

"I love it," she said. "That's probably one of the biggest things I'll miss about college, because I love to perform. I think I'm addicted to Hawkeye games now, too."

Pennock said the timing in running for Miss Johnson County initially was bad for her, especially since she had only two months to prepare for the competition.

"All of the preliminary competitions were in the fall, when I was touring with the Hawkeye Marching Band," she said.

Stephanie Reynolds, co-executive director of the Miss Johnson County competition, said Pennock's unusual talent was one of her biggest assets in the competition.

"She has a really spectacular talent," Reynolds said. "There have been Miss Iowas in the past that have been baton twirlers, but she used three batons at once, which was an extra bonus. She had lots of energy, a distinctive smile and great goals."

The most recent Miss Johnson County to win Miss Iowa was Jennifer Curry, a former UI student, in 1994. There will be 18 other competitors in the Miss Iowa pageant this year. Reynolds said Pennock has "a great chance" of winning the competition this year.

Pennock, a communication studies major, plans to use the \$300 scholarship she won as Miss Johnson County to help attain her master's degree at the UI. Pennock received also several gifts from area businesses upon winning the pageant.

## Iowa City School Board to discuss boundaries

By Scott Lester  
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa City School Board proposed to discuss the plan that would change Iowa City schools' boundaries and send children from Hawkeye Court Apartments to Coralville Central at Tuesday night's meeting.

"It's in the board's advantage and the public's advantage to favor moving Hawkeye Court to Coralville Central," school board member Alan Leff said. "It's regrettable that (Hawkeye Court) requires a change, but this provides more stability and keeps the community together."

On March 4, the school board will hold a public hearing to discuss the boundary changes. The public can voice their opinions and concerns at the forum.

School board members publicized

a letter from UI graduate student Gary DeBoer to the school board that expressed concerns of the parents of Hawkeye Court. The parents are attracted to any situation that keeps the children of Hawkeye Court together and provides a long-term solution, the letter said.

The parents said they see advantages and disadvantages of the move to Coralville Central. The Hawkeye Court Apartments are closer to the school and it provides more stability, but the drawbacks are the lack of facilities and the threat of future overcrowding.

"We are trying to look as long range as possible," school board member Marvin Lynch said. "We are looking at a long-range design and hopefully keep this from being a yearly issue."

A final decision will be made on boundary changes at the school board meeting on April 22.

### LEGAL MATTERS & CALENDAR

#### POLICE

**Margaret L. White**, 36, 428 Kimball Road, was charged with prohibited acts at Liberty Pharmacy, North Liberty, on Feb. 10 and 25.

**Matthew S. Sieleman**, 19, Des Moines, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Washington and Linn streets on Feb. 25 at 1:12 a.m.

**Louis M. Roe**, 55, Wellman, Iowa, was charged with public intoxication at the Benton Street bridge on Feb. 25 at 2:24 a.m.

**Robert N. Hepner**, 55, 2119 Taylor Drive, was charged with operating while intoxicated (second offense) and driving under suspension at the corner of Highland Avenue and Gilbert Street on Feb. 24 at 11:42 p.m.

**Gerald J. Masanz**, 46, Hilltop Trailer Court, Lot 5, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Highland Avenue and Gilbert Court on Feb. 24 at 9:32 p.m.

**Latrina R. Harris**, 30, Coralville, was charged with driving under suspension at the corner of Cable Street and Lakeside Drive on Feb. 24 at 4:06 p.m.

— Compiled by Jennifer Cassell

#### COURTS

##### Magistrate

**OWI** — Robert N. Hepner, 2119 Taylor Drive, preliminary hearing set for March 17 at 2 p.m.; Gerald J. Masanz, Hilltop Trailer Court, Lot 5, preliminary hearing set for March 17 at 2 p.m.; Matthew S. Sieleman, Des Moines, preliminary hearing set for March 17 at 2 p.m.

**Driving under suspension** — Latrina R. Harris, Coralville, preliminary hearing set for March 17 at 2 p.m.; Robert N. Hepner, 2119 Taylor Drive, preliminary hearing set for March 17 at 2 p.m.

**Assault causing injury** — Brady L. Murray, address unknown, preliminary hearing set for March 17 at 2 p.m.

**Fourth-degree theft** — Jackie A. Clark, address unknown, preliminary hearing set for March 7 at 2 p.m.

**Forgery** — Jermaine Roberts, address unknown, preliminary hearing set for March 7 at 2 p.m.

**Prohibited acts** — Margaret L. White, 428 Kimball Road, preliminary hearing set for March 17 at 2 p.m.

— Compiled by Brendan Brown

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

**UI Student Government** will sponsor a fireside chat with UI President Mary Sue Coleman in the Triangle Ballroom of the Union from 7-9 p.m.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Union** will sponsor an "Outreach & Support Group" for discussing Les/Bi/Gay Transgender life and personal issues, at the Women's Resource and Action Center, 130 N. Madison St., from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Study Abroad Center** will hold an information session on studying in Wales in Room 28 of the International Center from 4-5 p.m.

**UI Department of Physics and Astronomy** will hold a joint experimental and theoretical seminar titled "Structure

and Function Measurements at the HERA" in Room 309 of Van Allen Hall at 3:30 p.m. and a space physics seminar titled "Solar System Dust Beyond 6 AU and Dust Streams Near Jupiter" in Room 301 of Van Allen Hall at 3:30 p.m.

**Iowa International Socialist Organization** will sponsor a discussion titled "Who is the Working Class?" in Room 315 of Phillips Hall at 7 p.m.

**University Counseling Service (UCS)** will sponsor a discussion titled "Living With Self-Respect: Increasing Self-Esteem With Assertive Skills" at the University Counseling Service, Room 330 of Westlawn, from 3-4 p.m.

**UI Ski and Snowboard Club** will meet in the Ohio State Room of the Union at 9 p.m.

**University Democrats** will meet in the Ohio State Room of the Union at 6 p.m.

**United Campus Ministry and United Methodist Campus Ministry** will hold a midweek worship at the Wesley Foundation, 120 N. Dubuque St., at 9 p.m.



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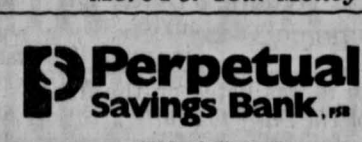
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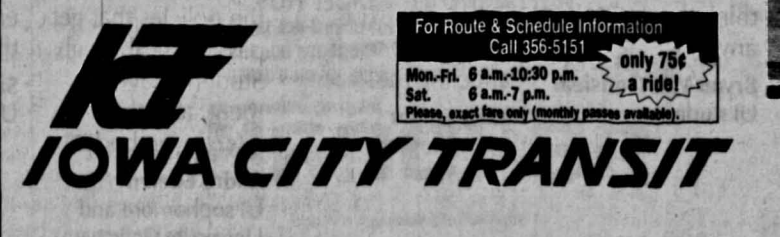
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# Viewpoints

## Quotable

"I never felt like I was different. I was just another person. The way you carry yourself and the way you think about yourself is what makes you who you are."

Iowa City resident **Bettye Tate**, who ran a boarding house for UI black students from 1930 until 1965 along with her husband, Junious.

## The myth of a woman's inability to lead

**M**yth or fact? A woman's hormonal cycle impairs her ability to be an effective and successful leader.

The answer is ... MYTH!  
In the 1980 elections, talk shows focused on whether or not a woman's hormonal swings would disqualify Geraldine Ferraro as vice president of the United States when she ran with Pat Schroeder. But, a thorough review of all the research on the effects of hormonal cycles on women's abilities disproving this myth never made it onto the talk shows. And anytime a woman chooses to run for a high office, the same issue recurs.

And now, we the students at the UI are faced with a similar situation. Allison Miller and her running mate Meghan Henry are running for UI Student Government president and vice president, respectively, against Chad Doellinger and Michael Crayne.

Whether or not the UI has ever had a woman UISG president is not the debate students are faced with. The question that must be asked is "Who is really qualified?"

In the United States, the tendency to believe a woman's place is in the home — cooking, cleaning and raising kids — has been replaced by the women's movement and the Industrial Revolution. Women now make up half of the work force. Slowly, women are climbing their way up corporate ladders, making businesses on their own and successfully earning and



**Amy Valdez**

learning the same way men do.

But in all reality, it's still not equal. Voters tend to look at a ballot and find a woman's name on it and vote for the opposite. Though half of the work force is women, only a small percentage of lawmakers are. Women still make only 80 cents to every dollar a man makes. Women constantly encounter "The Glass Ceiling"; corporate big dogs make it look like there is advancement opportunity, but when it gets down to it, they can advance only to a certain level.

This isn't what it should be about, either. Women and minorities should not be token positions. Any position open should be given to those who are most qualified.

In the case of UISG elections, if Miller is able to perform the position of leadership well, if she is more qualified than her opponent and the others on her ticket also are effective and knowledgeable leaders, then they should be the choice for the job. If this is not the case, Doellinger and his ticket should be the choice. Miller's gender should not affect the decision of voters or employers.

**M**ore often than not, voters do not focus on the important issues at hand. Voters tend to look at the popularity of an individual and what the individual looks like. Voters tend to forget what it is they are voting for.

When I was in junior high, the way we chose certain student officers was through an anonymous list of abilities and reasons why the candidate wanted a certain position. The people choosing the officers did not know the name, the race of the person or even the gender. The only thing they had before them were their skills and their reasons for desiring to be in that position. It was the best and most justified and equal way of officer elections I have ever encountered.

What is it exactly that students should look for in a UISG presidential candidate? First of all, is the candidate dedicated to his or her fellow students? How much experience does the candidate have with the UISG? Does the candidate know how the UISG is run and what are the traditions and expectations of the UISG? Can this candidate really represent me, as a student here at the UI? Does this candidate know my needs? What will this candidate do for the UISG?

These are the reasons to choose a candidate at the polls, not the fact that there has never been a woman as UISG president.

And not the concern over whether or not their PMS will affect their leadership abilities.

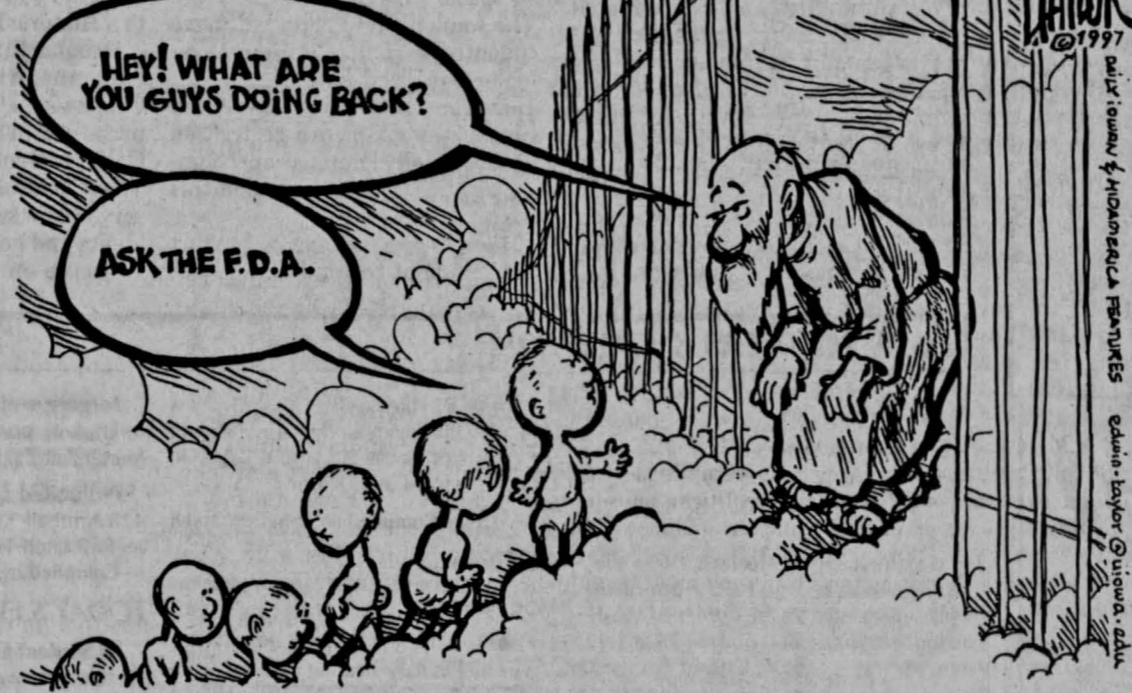
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## THE MORNING AFTER...



## Keeping shoppers downtown

Iowa City folk who have never been west of the hospitals will soon have a reason to come to Coralville — a new mall.

People who live in Coralville will have more reasons to spend their money there instead of Iowa City. Not only will they be able to shop, but they'll be able to go to one of the 10 movie theaters, or the 14,000 square-foot children's museum or skate on the NHL-size ice rink.

Ah, but already the soft groans can be heard from many downtown establishments. What about us? Is that big, bad mall going to be the death of us?

Maybe, but probably not. Perhaps downtown just needs to quit their whining and get down to work. They've enjoyed a monopoly over shopping dollars for too long. A little competition might be just what they need. If they want us, they'll have to woo us. And to woo us from the excitement of a new mall means they are going to have to come up with more than just bars and restaurants as an offering.

There's no doubt that bars and restaurants are a draw and UI students always will frequent them just because of their proximity to the school. But the 16,240 undergraduates age 24 and under make up only 27 percent of Iowa City's population. Ignore the other 43,498 people and you are ignoring three-fourths of a city's potential customers.

There are already 33 bars and restaurants with liquor licenses downtown. That's plenty for a 12-block radius, especially since the new Coralville mall will have less than a handful.

But there's a lot of people who don't frequent bars and a lot of parents who have children with them. The planners of the new mall seem to understand this. The children's museum at the new mall alone will draw plenty of customers from the more than 5,000 families with children in Iowa City.

What is downtown Iowa City going to do to compete with that? If they're smart, they'll wage their battle with more than one

idea. The Chamber of Commerce rightly proposed to expand the Pedestrian Mall and build a performance plaza next to the Holiday Inn. But there is already enough outdoor performance space in the Pedestrian Mall. Why not make this an indoor, winterized version of the Pedestrian Mall so musicians can play, artists can show their work and people can hang out all winter long?

And why stop there? How about free parking on the weekends and after five, or incentives for more small-business owners with interesting shops?

The one thing downtown always will have that the Coralville mall won't is ambience. People go to malls for convenience; they go downtown for ambience. People like to hang out downtown; they always have.

And the more reasons you give them, the more they will.

Valica Boudry is an editorial writer and a UI graduate student.

## Doesn't anyone care about the UISG?

It is election time for the UI Student Government and, like national politics, no one seems to care.

On Monday, the debate between the Allison Miller/Meghan Henry ticket and the Chad Doellinger/Michael Crayne ticket was held in the Triangle Ballroom of the Union — in which a grand total of 28 students butted up their sides and squeezed in. Of these 28 people, most had some sort of affiliation with the candidates or were members of the press.

With this sort of attendance, the debate could have been held in a small classroom.

One influence in the lackadaisical student attitude is communication. Some students simply are not informed about what is going on around campus. The debate covered this extensively as the candidates made note of several programs sponsored by the UISG, yet students are not aware they are put on by the UISG or that they even exist at all.

Apparently, students did not know of the debate either, even

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though it was listed on the front page of *The Daily Iowan*.

Communication is a two-way street. One person talks to the other and the other replies. In this scenario, the UISG has been trying to talk to students, but few have been replying. Multiple advertisements have been taken out in the paper, some of them very large, promoting campus activities, yet many people still are ignorant. This is of their own doing, and they must not have any incentive to become interested in these activities.

Mutual communication is the key to opening students' eyes as to all the UISG has to offer. Through

the UISG, students are able to voice complaints and offer suggestions as to how to improve the university. The UISG puts students' ideas into action, creating a better UI community. The UISG has a network of student senators that tend to the needs of the people they represent. The UISG is in contact with student groups in promoting activities and helping foster a sense of community.

It is too bad that students are apathetic, especially about the direction of student government. The debate featured two tickets that are vying for the right to help out every student. Through the course of the debate, it was obvious that one ticket was more qualified for the job and most likely would have the means to handle student problems or requests.

The entire student population that did not attend the debate may never know which ticket that was.

Craig Stevens is an editorial writer and a UI senior.

## How important is the UISG in your college life?



"It doesn't play that big a part in my life."  
**Maureen McCartan**  
UI freshman



"I don't even think about it. I don't think they're doing anything."  
**Bryan Van Donslear**  
UI student



"I suppose it's pretty important, because it exists. But I don't see it affecting me."  
**Yasir Safdar**  
UI sophomore



"I think it's really important. A lot of the policies that get passed are through Student Government, and they affect everybody."  
**Audra Edelen**  
UI sophomore and University Collegiate Senate member



"It's not particularly important. I've never even heard of them."  
**Sarah Engelhardt**  
UI senior

## American racial labels: It's all or nothing

America is having an identity crisis. Defining American culture is difficult for most people who were born in the United States and have never left. It is far easier for those who have lived in a foreign country or have immigrated from somewhere else. Any culture is far easier to understand when something radically different can be held up next to it.

But native multiculturalists think they have it all figured out. We are a nation of nations, they say, all united under a single government and Constitution. There is the dominant "white culture," orbited by four smaller cultures: Hispanic-American, Asian-American, Native-American and African-American. Each of the groups supposedly has a unique collective identity and deserves its share of the racial spoils system, commonly known as affirmative action.

Each of these five cultures or races have been defined by bureaucratic fiat. And those who came up with the labels know nothing of the cultures they are labeling.

There is no such thing, for example, as an Asian race or a unifying Asian culture. The Chinese have more in common genetically with North American Eskimos than with people in India. And modern secular Japan has more culturally in common with the United States than with Islamic Indonesia. Yet, when people from these places come to the United States, they are supposed to form a distinct community with everything in common with each other and little in common with the other four "cultures."

Black legal theorist Lani Guinier writes, "Black representatives are authentic because they are descriptively similar to their constituents. They are politically, psychologically and culturally black." Really? Clarence Thomas occupies "the black seat" on the Supreme Court, but many black Americans hate him.

According to a University of California study, only 5 percent of poor black Americans felt closer to middle-class blacks than to lower-class whites. Indeed, a black person living in a ghetto has far more in common with the poor white family down the street than with Bill Cosby.

So-called Hispanic-Americans have long struggled against the label. They include Americans from Europe (Spain), Cuba, Argentina and Mexico, very different countries with radically different cultures. Americans from Cuba say they have more in common with "mainstream" Americans than with those who immigrated from Mexico.

In Hawaii in 1991, 60 percent of babies born were of "mixed" race. One in three Hispanic-Americans marry non-Hispanics, and almost half of Asian-Americans marry outside their federally designated "culture." The multiculturalist labeling scheme is quickly falling apart.

So, why do we have five race/culture labels? Why not eight or 30? In premodern Brazil there were 492 categories or "races," depending on how much "mixed blood" a person had. Our own race/culture labels need to be brought into line with reality. And that means we go the Brazilian route or abolish them altogether.

But there are groups currently lobbying for more race labels and for cutting up the affirmative action "pie" into more numerous and smaller pieces to accommodate the ambiguities. Maybe those who will be labeled "other" can get together and invent a culture to go along with it.

Michael Lind points out that "the national culture is not a white culture; black Americans have shaped it far more than the most numerous white immigrant group: German-Americans." Albert Murray wrote that in America the "mainstream is not white but (biracial)."

A quick example: I like blues and jazz music. Black Americans invented both genres. There are also white musicians who play blues and jazz music, and those white musicians have many black fans. We have cultural fusion regardless of what multiculturalists believe.

Novelist Bharati Mukherjee, who immigrated to the United States from India, writes, "The fallout of official multiculturalism is the establishment of one culture as the norm and the rest as aberrations. ... We must think of American culture and nationhood as a constantly reforming, transmogrifying 'we.'"

Eventually there will be a mixed-race majority. It will be fused and blurred, in the same way as previously labeled German-, English-, Irish-, Italian-, French- and Swedish-Americans. Multiculturalists a hundred years ago thought creating a common "white culture" or "white race" was impossible. Those who called for the "melting pot" proved the multiculturalists embarrassingly wrong.

Besides, if multiculturalists believe American immigrants from India and Japan can fuse themselves into a unified "Asian-American" identity, there is no reason to believe black, white, Asian, Hispanic and Native-Americans cannot fuse into an "American" identity.

Multiculturalists were proved wrong before. They will be proved wrong again.

Michael Totten's column appears Wednesdays on the Viewpoints Pages.



**Michael Totten**

## Nation & World

# Mexican corruption hinders war on drugs

By Carolyn Skorneck  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Administration officials acknowledged Tuesday that recently revealed ties between Mexico's ousted anti-drug chief and narcotics kingpins hindered the fight against drugs, a battle President Clinton plans to spend \$16 billion waging next year.

"There is a major corruption problem at all levels (in Mexico) — federal, state and local," Robert Gelbard, assistant secretary of state for narcotics affairs, told a House panel.

The arrest last week of Mexico's newly installed anti-drug official, Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, because of his links to a major drug trafficker "belied previous assumptions that corruption was largely limited to the police," Gelbard said.

But there's a question of whether the administration will let Mexico off with a slap on the wrist, despite the general's arrest and the firing of 36 people who worked with him at the national narcotics agency.

By March 1, the administration must certify whether foreign governments are cooperating fully in the war against drugs. If they are decertified, some of their foreign aid is withheld and, in the case of a close neighbor like Mexico, that could lead to an uproar there.

Clinton, outlining his drug plan at the White House, didn't tip his hand on the issue. "We are committed to cooperating with our friends in Latin America," he said. "We want to cooperate with them, but we want them to cooperate with us as well."

Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike are urging him to decertify Mexico to demonstrate U.S. impatience with the lack of cooperation in the drug war.

But Gelbard interspersed his criticism of Mexico's corruption with praise for President Ernesto Zedillo's quick action in firing the anti-drug leader. He said Mexico

has progressed from a year ago, allowing extraditions of two drug leaders to the United States, among other things.

"We believe President Zedillo is trying to put serious, honest people in the government," he told the House Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee on national security, international affairs and criminal justice.

While excusing Zedillo's keeping the United States in the dark about Gutierrez Rebollo for 11 days because of secrecy needed to develop the case, Gelbard said the government still is analyzing how much secret information was shared with him and his associates during that time.

Rep. Steven Schiff, R-N.M., questioned how Gutierrez Rebollo could have moved up the ladder over so many years without displaying his ties to Amado Carrillo Fuentes, who has evaded repeated arrest attempts.

"We didn't do such a great job with Aldrich Ames and other people recently either," Gelbard said, referring to a CIA agent who spied for Moscow for years.

Gen. Barry McCaffrey, Clinton's drug-policy director — who initially praised Gutierrez Rebollo as having "absolute unquestioned integrity" — called the Mexican scandal "a serious blow to our partnership." But he also signaled the administration's eagerness to get around it.

"The United States and Mexico are trapped economically, culturally, politically and because of drug crime, in the same continent and we'd better figure out a way to work on it together," McCaffrey told reporters.

Clinton's \$16 billion anti-drug budget for next year is \$800 million larger than this year's and features an unprecedented \$350 million aid campaign that would — if the private sector anted up half the money — bombard young people with anti-drug messages during prime-time television.

# Empire State Building reopens with added security

By Beth Harpaz  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A handwritten note carried by a Palestinian gunman to the Empire State Building suggests he decided more than a year ago his "bitter enemies" must be "annihilated and exterminated."

The note found on the body of Ali Hassan Abu Kamal was released Tuesday, two days after he killed one sightseer and wounded six others before fatally shooting himself on the 86th floor observation deck of the landmark skyscraper.

The scene of the bloodbath reopened to droves of tourists Tuesday who had to go through newly installed metal detectors. "We live in New York. You can't stay afraid," said teacher Hannah Schneewind, who waited with her second-grade class to take in the city panorama on a clear, crisp day.

The gunman's rambling diatribe was laden with political references and titled "Charter of Honour." The note said those listed were "my bitter enemies and they must be annihilated and exterminated."

It blamed Zionists — backed by Americans, Britons and Frenchmen — for "turning our people, the Palestinians, homeless."

"My restless aspiration is to murder as many of them as possible, and I have decided to strike at their own den in New York, and at the very Empire State Building in particular," said the note, which was signed by the 69-year-old Abu Kamal, who worked as an English teacher in Gaza City.

He listed Jan. 1, 1996, as the note's "original date of meditation."

Police said they still believe Abu Kamal was a deranged killer who acted alone. Abu Kamal's family said he was distraught over someone losing \$300,000, but police questioned whether there ever was any money.

"There is no information that this alleged scam exists," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said. "There are no bank accounts that we're aware of, nothing in his personal effects, no safe-deposit boxes."

Abu Kamal, who arrived in the United States on Christmas Eve, paid only with cash while dividing time between New York and Florida. However, "We would in no way characterize it as high-rolling," Safir said.

The document also lists as enemies "a gang of rogues who attacked me" — an apparent reference to a severe beating by vigilante militants in his homeland of Gaza — as well as an Egyptian police officer and a group of students he claimed beat his son. No mention was made of financial troubles.

The note shows Abu Kamal was a "man who had many, many enemies in his mind," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

The shooting didn't deter tourists Tuesday. Several hundred sightseers waited up to 40 minutes to buy tickets, go through the airport-style metal detectors and take the elevator up to the 86th floor.

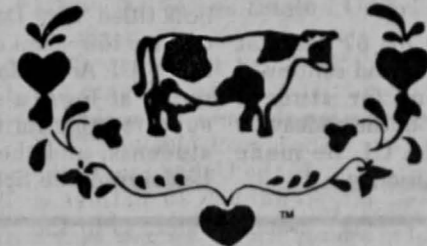
Kim Broen, a 21-year-old Danish traveler, said he didn't like the long wait to go through the metal detectors, "but if this is the only way to stop this from happening, it's OK."



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Metal detectors and security wands greeted members of the media and tourists who arrive for the reopening Tuesday morning of the observation deck of the Empire State Building in New York.

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# Department issues 1st-ever crime report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sixty-five students out of every 100,000 were victims of murder, rape, robbery or aggravated assaults in 1994, a government survey of campuses said.

The Education Department report Tuesday also found that 257 students out of every 100,000 were victims of burglary and vehicle theft.

The report is the first of its kind by the department, which was unable to say whether campus crime is on the rise. The report was required by the 1990 Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, prompted by public concern over campus safety.

The Justice Department, which previously released the campus figures, has reported that in the nation as a whole there were 716 violent crimes and 4,656 property crimes for every 100,000 residents in 1994.

Crime rates were higher at institutions with on-campus housing, the Education Department said. There were 113 violent crimes per 100,000 students at institutions with campus housing, compared with 29 for those without.

The definition of campus also included private institutions such as cosmetology, X-ray technology and practical nursing schools with

fewer than 200 students. Violent crime at those institutions struck 237 out of 100,000 students.

The study found a rate of one murder per million students; nine sexual assaults per 100,000 and 21 robberies and 35 aggravated assaults per 100,000.

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## Black History at the UI

# Hubbard's fight for rights an inspiration

By Jennifer Cassell  
The Daily Iowan

When Philip Hubbard was a student at the UI, blacks were not allowed to live in the residence halls or participate in social events if white students did not want them there. Now, nearly 60 years later, a park and an award named in his honor commemorate his efforts to create a place for blacks in the UI community.

In his 75 years, Hubbard witnessed and experienced the pain of discrimination as a student, the turbulent struggle for civil rights in the 1960s and recent struggles over affirmative action, all from the streets of Iowa City and the classrooms and offices of the UI.

Hubbard came to the UI as a student in 1940 and paid for his tuition by shining shoes at a hotel in Des Moines. He had lived in Iowa since he was 4 — his family moved from Missouri because Iowa's schools were not segregated. After receiving his Ph.D. in 1954, he began his professorship in engineering. By 1966, he rose to the position of dean of academic affairs and took over as vice president for student services in 1971.

Hubbard began his 57 years at the UI as a student and continued as vice president for student affairs. But out of all the endeavors he took on at the UI, he made human rights his priority.

"My first choice was engineering, and I had hope of doing something to improve the lot of mankind through technology," Hubbard said. "After a while I became disillusioned because the technology improved but the condition of mankind did not."

"When the opportunity to work at a different level arose, I accepted. That was when I became dean of academic affairs. There I was able to concentrate on human rights through the university and the activities of students."

Former UI President Hunter Rawlings announced on December 6, 1991 that the south field behind the Union was to be named in Hubbard's honor. Hubbard said he was dumbfounded when he found out about the naming of Hubbard Park because everyone had worked to keep it a secret from him.

"Of course I felt a little odd about seeing my name engraved in stone because I wasn't dead yet, but just the same there is a plaque on the ground there. That's something that will last for a long time," he said.

Hubbard, now 75 and retired, recently wrote and published a book titled "New Dawns," commemorating 150 years of human rights at the UI. As the founder of Opportunity at Iowa, a scholarship and support program for UI minority students, and the creator of the Undergraduate Scholar Assistant-

ship program in the late 1980s, he sought to give opportunity to minority students on campus. In 1981, the UI established the Philip G. Hubbard Human Rights Award.

Hubbard said he wrote "New Dawns" to look at the UI's tradition with human rights and its policies toward diversity and discrimination. He chose the title from a quote by Martin Luther King Jr. and because he saw this sesquicentennial year as a new era.

"I felt I had something to say. Nobody asked me to write it, even though people encouraged me once I said I was going to write something," he said. "I wrote the book because I was quite sure if nothing else, the UI would be willing to reproduce it and put a copy in the library."

Taking a look at the UI and race relations was something that required a large amount of research, along with the experience Hubbard gained during his time here. Hubbard said when he was a student, African-Americans were admitted as students, but they faced unceasing discrimination from white students. Oftentimes, blacks weren't allowed to participate in university parties.

"If any white students objected, (blacks) couldn't go to the social events," he said. "That is an indication of what it was like in the early years. African-Americans were just kind of welcome as visitors, but

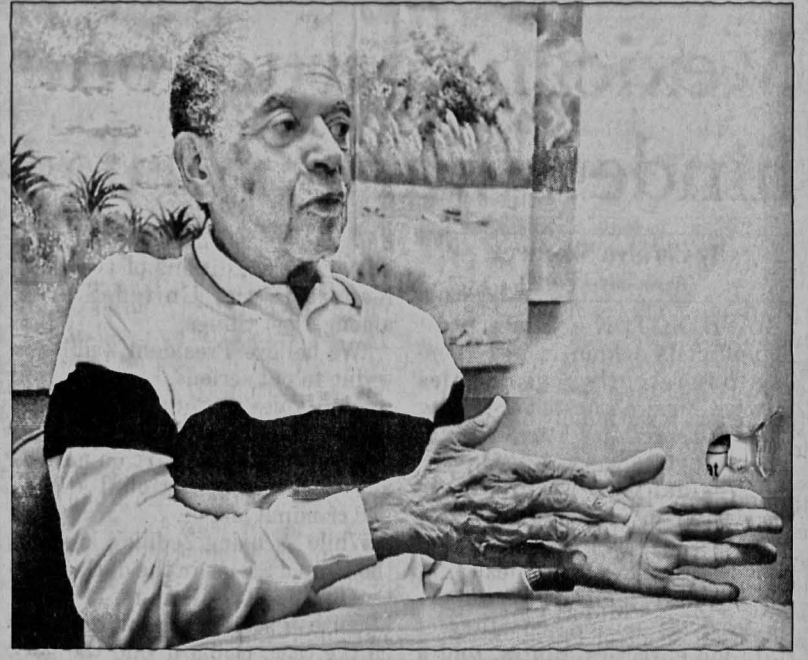
they weren't really members of the community."

Because of a generally negative reception from white students, African-Americans made their own community and created their own social scene, Hubbard said. He was president of Kappa Alpha Psi, a traditionally black fraternity, and a participant of a weekly program called "Negro's Forum," which allowed black students to come together and interact.

"We weren't very welcome at many university social events, so we created our own social life," he said. "We had parties, really nice dinner parties, where women wore long dresses and men wore tuxedos. We didn't have much money. But we did make room for social events."

Despite the social segregation, the UI got involved in the civil-rights movement, Hubbard said. In 1963, the UI created the Committee on Human Rights. Hubbard, who was involved with the organization, said the UI has done a fairly good job of promoting diversity on the campus, especially in relation to the number of minorities in the state of Iowa.

"I don't believe the UI has to apologize to anyone for its record," Hubbard said. "It's right up there among the leaders, and it's represented not only in policies, principles and its mission statement, but also in the actual performance."



Pete Thompson/The Daily Iowan

Philip Hubbard, former UI vice president for academic affairs, speaks in his home about his commitment to human rights. Hubbard Park was named in his honor on Dec. 6, 1991.

The UI promoted the civil-rights movement by inviting King to the UI to lecture in the main lounge of the Union, which was the biggest auditorium on campus at that time. Hubbard said King's lecture received a huge turnout and was widely supported.

"He was one of my favorites because he talked about things which were relevant and important and I agreed with what he had to say about them," he said. "When somebody like that shows up, you're likely to sit up and take notice."

UI community leaders say Hubbard's influence is nothing short of impressive as well.

Phil Jones, vice president for student services and UI dean of students, said the first word that comes to mind when he thinks of Hubbard is humanity.

"In my mind, he's one of the most humane persons I've ever met. His life and contribution to the UI is recognized," Jones said. "And he's made a permanent impression on the personality of the university."



Photo courtesy of Bettye Tate

Bettye Tate, a former Iowa City resident, allowed UI male students to live in the house she and her husband owned when the UI residence halls were segregated. Tate's compassion is lovingly remembered by her "family."

## Tate's open home offered shelter to black students

By Brendan Brown  
The Daily Iowan

At a time when the UI wouldn't house black students, Bettye Tate opened her home to them and gave them a foundation to build their futures upon.

In 1927, Tate and her new husband Junious moved to Iowa City and bought their first home at 914 S. Dubuque St. The Tates quickly realized maintaining the huge house by themselves would be a challenge.

At that time, the UI did not allow black students to live on campus, forcing them to find alternate housing elsewhere in the predominantly white community. In 1930, the Tates converted their home into a boarding house called the "Tate Arms,"

"They had to be gentlemen. They couldn't bring anything to drink into that house, no girls, no filthy language."

Bettye Tate, former Iowa City resident, who turned her home into a boarding house for African-American UI students

providing black UI students with room and board until 1965.

While Tate Arms offered black students a haven, it was by no means a free ride. Tate only accepted males because she "didn't want to mess with girls," and all who lived under her roof had to earn their keep.

"I had rules and regulations like you wouldn't believe," Tate said. "They had to be gentlemen. They

couldn't bring anything to drink into that house, no girls, no filthy language. And those boys worked for their board. I've never washed a dish in my life. And in all the time I kept those boys, I only had to put one out."

Tate said the young men who came through her home evolved into an extended family, her "boys," whom she watched grow into successful adults. And she watched over them like they were her own sons.

"I was mom," she said. Tony Haughton, whose father stayed at Tate Arms while he was in college, said Tate's affection followed her former boarders and their families throughout their lives.

As a child, Haughton himself stayed with Tate for a brief time during his mother's illness. "She's always been a family friend. She would do anything for you," Haughton said.

In addition to her role as head of a large household, Tate was employed by the UI Hospitals and Clinics' cardiovascular laboratory. Between 1945 and 1976, Tate worked her way up from cleaning woman to supervisor.

"I started on that job washing the equipment every night and I ended up in charge of a staff of 20 people and my name on the door of my office," she said. "I had a good job

and I was the boss. I loved it because I loved telling people what to do."

Although the need for the Tate Arms grew out of racism, Tate said she has never viewed herself as a crusader or pioneer. She offered the boys a home because they needed one. Tate said she experienced little trouble with prejudice in Iowa City because she didn't let others define her racial identity.

"I never felt like I was different. I was just another person," she said. "The way you carry yourself and the way you think about yourself is what makes you who you are."

Tate also has traveled extensively during her life. She visited locations from England to Russia to the Panama Canal.

"Every summer I went on a trip. I had to get out and see the world," she said.

Tate now lives at the Washington Care Center in Washington, Iowa, where she spends much of her time reading and watching professional sports, which she says, "keeps her young." She also spends a great deal of time writing, talking and meeting with a seemingly endless stream of people she touched over the years. More than 500 birthday invitations were sent out for her 90th birthday party last June, and hundreds of members of her "family" arrived to pay tribute to "Ma Tate."

Haughton said the turnout was a testament to the positive effect Tate has had on those who resided in Tate Arms.

"So many of the guys who showed up owed their success to her influence," he said. "She didn't settle for mediocrity. She wanted you to put forth your best."

### First Advanced Degrees in the United States

African-Americans who received advanced degrees from the UI who were also the first in the United States to receive that particular degree:

- Alexander Clark Jr., 1879, law degree
- Elizabeth Catlett, 1940, master's in art
- Lulu Johnson, 1940, Ph.D. in history
- Oscar Anderson, Fuller, 1942, Ph.D. in music
- Lilia Ann Abron, 1972, Ph.D. in chemical engineering
- Lisa Portis, 1989, Ph.D. in pharmacology

### Prominent African-American figures on the UI campus

- Frederick "Duke" Slater, 1921 bachelor's, 1928 LLB, football player; Slater Residence Hall named in his honor
- Al Jarreau, 1964 master's, jazz singer
- Benjamin (B.J.) Armstrong, NBA basketball player
- Eddie Robinson, football coach at Grambling State University

Source: DI Research DI/WL

Tate said the outpouring of well-wishers was just another happy chapter in her life story. "I've had a wonderful time," Tate said. "I've really enjoyed my life and I'm still enjoying it."

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## Black History at the UI

# Dances rooted deep in tradition offer competition, flair, unity

By Will Valet  
The Daily Iowan

Rhythms derived from African traditions are the fundamental elements of the dances performed by members of Black Genesis Dance Theatre and traditionally black fraternities and sororities.

Traditionally black UI fraternities and sororities regularly perform a series of group dances consisting of rhythmic hand claps, body claps and foot stomps in step shows. Marcus Mangum, undergraduate adviser of Phi Beta Sigma, said the dance stems from an African heritage all the dancers share, although the dance provides the chance to display artistic individuality.

"The beauty of the step dance is that it provides distinction among the groups that perform it," he said. "Each organization has its own style, particular movement and particular beat that distinguishes themselves among the rest. At the same time, it also keeps unity among sororities and fraternities (that participate in shows) because of friendly competition."

The Black Genesis Dance Theatre, a black UI student dance group, existed in the '60s and '70s and was revived by UI junior Beverly Carrington, UI junior Latoya Buchanan and UI senior Latoria Aikins with then-UI graduate student Jeffery Bullock in 1995. The lack of social activities for African-American students prompted the three to restart the dance group.

"Being an African-American on this campus, I felt that not many things are catered toward me," Carrington said. "I love to dance, so I took those two things and came up with this idea."

Buchanan said all of their dances have roots in the African heritage.

"Black dance is the artistic version of the black experience," she said. "I think what really puts it apart from other dance pieces is that the choreographers pick music and dances related to that experience."

The movements that members of Black Genesis perform generally are derived from modern dance and differ from those in sororities and fraternities. Step performances, which are a series of clapping and

stomping, usually last between 10 and 12 minutes, and shows happen throughout the semester, with competitive "finales" at the end of the spring semester.

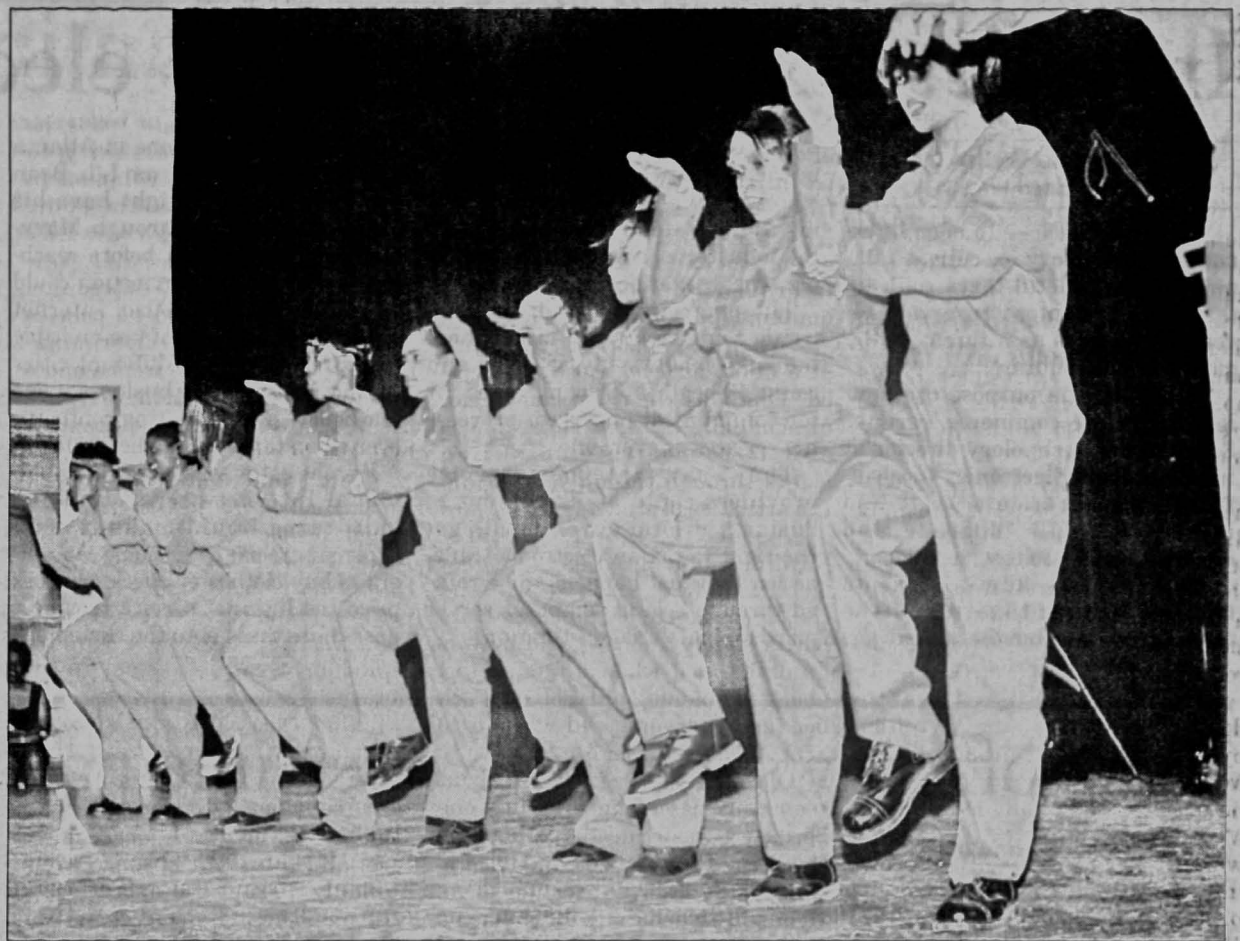
Black fraternity Phi Beta Sigma won a competition at the University of Minnesota last April. Mangum said each step dancer develops his or her own individual beat.

Reggie Harris, UI law student and member of Phi Beta Sigma, said members get a sense of solidarity in preparation for each step show.

"We get a sense of togetherness and brotherhood in preparing for the actual show," he said. "It's really a form of artistic expression for us."

The artistic expression the dancers in Black Genesis convey not only comes out in African dance, but also in modern, hip-hop and jazz, Carrington said. She also hopes the group will begin to incorporate acting, as it did in the '60s.

One distinctly African dance Black Genesis performs is the "Dunham Celebration." The dance is a three-part series based on African dances by black dance pioneer Kathryn Dunham.



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The sisters of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority perform in Macbride Auditorium on April 20, 1996 as part of the Greek finale "Unity" step show, an annual event.

## Library display devoted to early-century women

By Jennifer Cassell  
The Daily Iowan

Old letters and photographs currently on display at the UI Main Library convey the intimate lives of African-American women in Iowa from the 1910s to 1996.

As part of the Women's Archive Project, the month-long exhibits detailing one woman every four months include newspaper clippings, diaries and other memorabilia. More than two dozen materials of Iowa African-American women have been collected.

The two-year project was initiated by Iowa Women's Archive curator Karen Mason, who sought to highlight the written, oral and audiovisual materials they had already collected of African-American women.

Kathryn Neal, assistant archivist and director of the African-American women in Iowa project, said African-American women are a subject that is often overlooked.

"This project is a significant part of the archives, and it's a growing collection," she said.

Many women do not keep their writings because they consider them insignificant, Neal said. However, any woman's work is important, she said, especially because the project is looking for women from all walks of life.

"We want to make sure that they know there's a place where their material can be stored for long-term use," she said.

The current exhibit displays the photographs and writings of a mother and daughter who had been

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actively involved in their Iowa community. Aldeen Davis, a resident of Muscatine, was a former columnist for the *Muscatine Journal*. On display is a poem she wrote after her daughter Billy Lloyd, a community leader and activist, died.

Neal encountered the mother and daughter collection when Davis called the archives after hearing about the project from a friend. Davis thought the archives might want her daughter's materials and she said she was honored when she discovered her memorabilia was going to be on display as well.

The archives' collection also includes Bettye Tate, who opened her home to African-American males in the 1940s and 1950s, when blacks weren't allowed to live in the residence halls.

Neal said the archives discover most of the women they display through newspaper articles, and then contact the women to find out more about their lives. Oftentimes, Neal said, the women they talk to give them ideas about other materials they may be interested in.

The project is funded by donations and the UI Black Alumni Association.

## WHEELER

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world to live, because it gave me a chance and has given other youngsters a chance who has sought an education."

Before running the distance at the UI, Wheeler spent years fighting for civil rights and working with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He, his wife and three small children were the second minority family to move into the all-white Chicago suburb of Oak Park, Ill., in 1963. Because of the racist attitudes within the formerly segregated community, the Wheelers had to deal with crosses being burned on their lawn and bomb threats on their house.

Although the Wheeler family didn't move out of Oak Park, they had to adjust their lifestyle for safety precautions, such as leaving the house early in the morning and returning early in the evening.

"We were not people who would be told what we could do and how we were going to do it. We lived in such a manner that we were willing to die any moment for what we believed in," Wheeler said.

During Wheeler's stay in Oak Park, he helped organize civil-rights marches within Chicago and some surrounding suburbs. It was at this time that he met and worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Wheeler described King as a disciple of Gandhi who was easy-talking and easy to get along with. He said one of the most interesting things about King is that he spoke three other languages: French, German and Italian.

"Dr. King had two sides, and if he was sitting in a room alone, he had a mystique about him that was reverent and God-like, like a prophet of

sorts," he said. "But on the other side, there was a little boy in him and he had an incredible sense of humor."

Along with working with King, Wheeler also became friends with Mahalia Jackson, Jesse Owens and Jesse Jackson. Wheeler and Jesse Jackson worked together at the civil-rights movement's Chicago headquarters.


"Jesse Jackson always wanted to

be the captain. He always wanted to pitch the ball and be the first to bat," he said. "Jesse has always been an opportunist."

Along with rallying as a civil-rights supporter, Wheeler also has been a community activist. Currently, he is creating a scholarship fund for students based on academics, rather than athletics. Wheel-


er still resides in Iowa City and continues to recruit students and athletes for the UI.

"I've been an athlete because it's been a way to get a scholarship and to go to school," he said. "But in my heart, my commitment and understanding is that knowledge and scholarship are the things I respect more than anything else."





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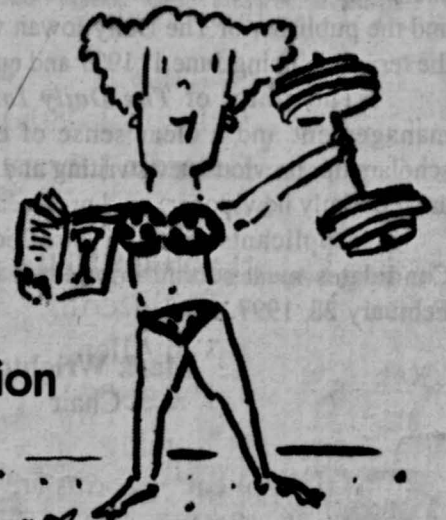


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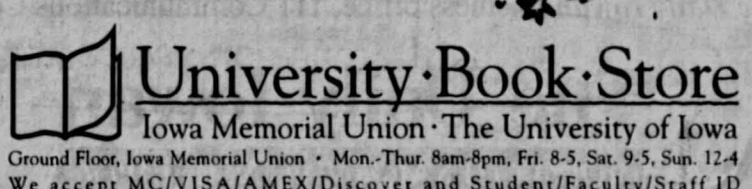



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# Internet tax poses threat to electronic market, opponents say

By Rob Wells  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To hear Internet and technology executives talk, new state and local taxes rank up there with computer viruses and 14-year-old hackers as a threat to the global computer future.

"It defeats the purpose of seamless interstate commerce," argues Scott Cooper, technology director at the American Electronics Association. A proliferation of state and local taxes will "degrade and demean the technology," he added.

The Clinton administration opposes federal taxation of the Internet, where business dealings

could rise to as much as \$150 billion in the next few years by some estimates. So the battleground is shifting to the state and local level, and the industry is working hard to halt piecemeal taxation.

The emerging market for electronic commerce could be crushed, industry leaders say, if cities and counties begin approving taxes for telecommunications, data processing services or even sales.

They say Internet service providers could be driven out of business if local governments get the right to tax an electronic transaction that just happens to be routed through a local computer server en route to its final destination.

For example, someone in Atlanta who's buying clothes from L.L. Bean over the Internet might have his connection routed through Maryland and Connecticut before reaching Maine. Or the connection could be routed overseas. Also, Internet service providers might use multiple computer servers in different cities so they could stay in business if one crashed — again creating confusion over when taxes should be applied.

For the estimated 30 million individual Internet users, state and local taxes would make it more expensive to use their home computers to buy clothes or check on stock prices as Internet service providers pass these taxes onto the customer's

monthly bill.

"Clearly, you are talking about a potential increase in both the costs and complexity of Internet transactions," said Kenneth Glueck, a tax expert for Oracle Corp., a major database company.

This argument is gaining support in Congress.

"I just think it's important for everybody to take a deep breath and step back and really think through the implications of having ... (thousands of) potential tax jurisdictions rendering various charges and fees," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. He and Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., are proposing a temporary ban on new state and local Internet taxes

until all parties agree on a uniform way to proceed.

But an opponent of the Internet tax moratorium idea, Neal Osten of the National Conference of State Legislatures, said the industry is overstating the threat.

"We have yet to see any major activity happening," he said. In fact, anecdotal evidence shows the opposite may be true. The city of Tacoma, Wash., repealed an Internet tax last year. New York state agreed to exempt Internet services from taxes.

"States are not looking to raise a lot of new revenues but to protect the revenues that we do have," Osten said. "We want to know where

the fire is."

Because state and local governments actively are reviewing and developing Internet tax policies, there's no reliable estimate yet about the extent of local taxation.

So far, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio and Wisconsin are taxing some Internet services, according to a New York State Tax Department study released last month.

Osten said he agrees state, local and federal officials should discuss uniformity, but he said also any attempt to restrict taxing power will be met with "a lot of anger and resentment" by state and local officials.

## Time off may substitute overtime pay

By Alice Ann Love  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Football games, school plays, doctors appointments: When both mom and dad work, time off can be priceless. But for some parents, overtime work and the cash it brings are a matter of survival.

It's those competing needs — and business interests, too — that Congress and President Clinton must balance as they get set to reconsider making comp time, or earned time off, an alternative to overtime pay.

The idea, supporters say, is that with a choice between cash and time off, every worker could get what he or she most needs.

The risk, caution labor unions and other detractors, is that profit-driven firms would be tempted to exploit the availability of cheaper overtime labor.

"We'd be entering a huge unknown," said Martin Malin, director of the Institute of Law and the Workplace at Chicago-Kent College of Law. "This is an area that offers a lot of promise, but the concerns raised ... should be taken seriously."

About 67 percent of American workers are covered now by the Fair Labor Standards Act, which guarantees one-and-a-half times regular wages for every hour worked beyond a 40-hour week. Most blue-collar factory, food service, construction and clerical workers are covered, along with less obvious folks such as computer ana-

lysts.

Such workers currently can't waive their right to overtime pay, or trade it for another benefit, such as paid vacation. If a worker needs emergency time off to take a child to the doctor, the employer can only grant a furlough.

The case is much different for professionals, managers and administrative employees who exercise independent judgment on the job. Because they are exempt from the law, they earn a fixed annual salary and don't get paid extra for long hours. But firms can offer them an increasingly popular benefit: flexible work schedules.

About 22 percent of such professionals are allowed to vary their hours, according to Labor Department figures. Some work long days early in the week and take Friday off. Others pull a marathon stretch of work, then take a vacation.

A bill near the top of the Republican congressional agenda would allow companies to offer more of that scheduling flexibility to hourly workers, too.

Although he vetoed a similar bill last year, Clinton promised during last fall's campaign to do something to help overworked Americans in his second term.

Ashcroft's bill would allow, but not require, companies to offer compensatory time off as an alternative to overtime pay. Workers would earn comp time at a rate of one and a half hours for every hour of overtime work, and could "bank" up to 30 days a year. Use of banked comp

time would be at the worker's discretion, unless an absence would "unduly disrupt the operations of the employer." Banked comp time also could be traded for cash.

Ashcroft said stiff penalties would discourage firms from coercing workers to take comp time instead of overtime pay. And big and small companies, and their trade groups, are lobbying hard for the bill.

But labor unions worry that making overtime work cheaper will help nothing but corporate profits.

"We don't think in practice in the real world this is going to be voluntary," said Alan Reuther, legislative director for the United Auto Workers. "Not when an employer is sitting there getting to decide what job you do and whether you get a raise."

The fear is that companies, to save money, would assign most overtime hours to people who want comp time, Reuther said. Workers who depend on overtime cash would be out of luck. In a recent AFL-CIO poll, 64 percent of workers said they need money more than time off.

Lionie Golden, a Penn State economics professor, said there's no doubt comp time is popular with public sector workers, but it has tended to put them in awkward positions.

Because it costs nothing up front, comp time has encouraged government managers to ask workers to put in longer hours. Heavy workloads then make it hard for people to use time off they've banked.



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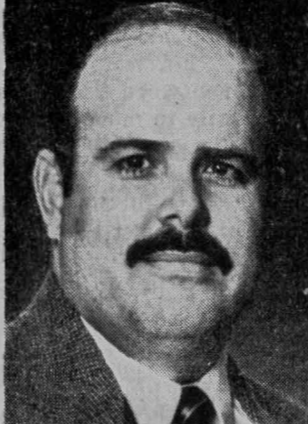
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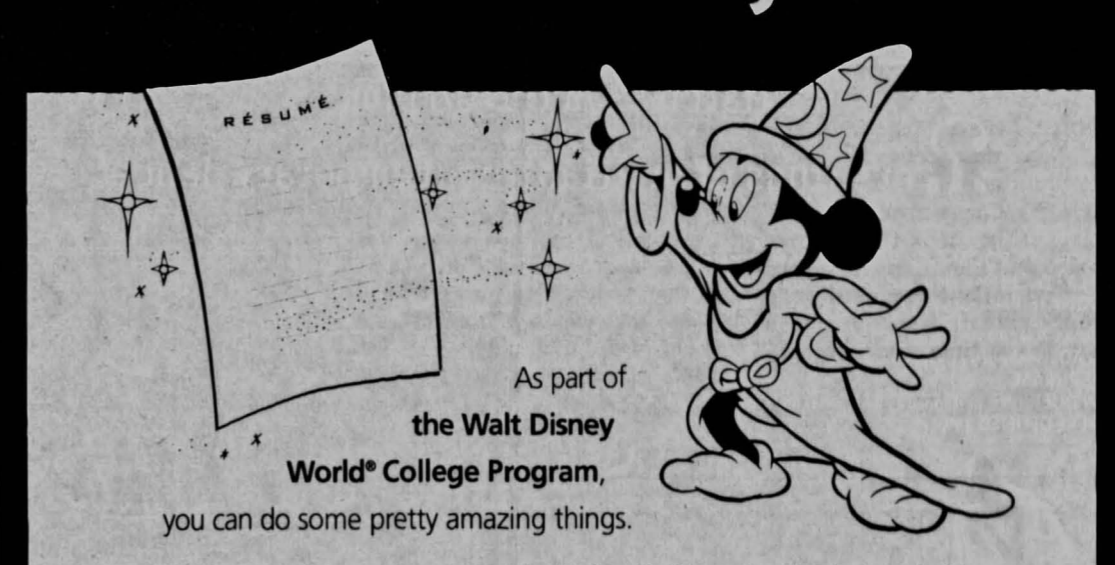
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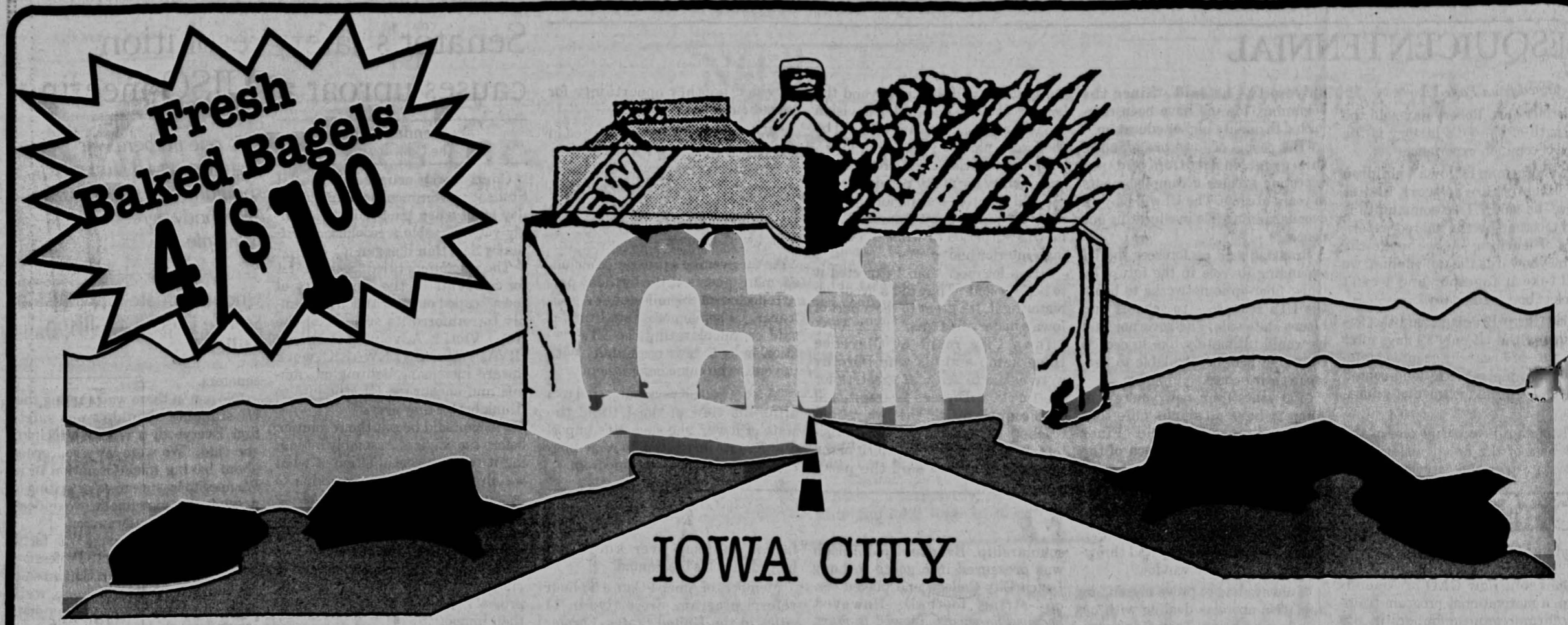
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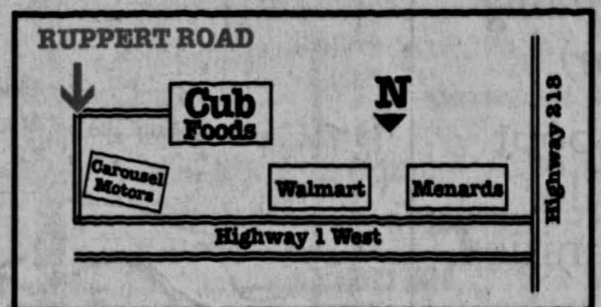
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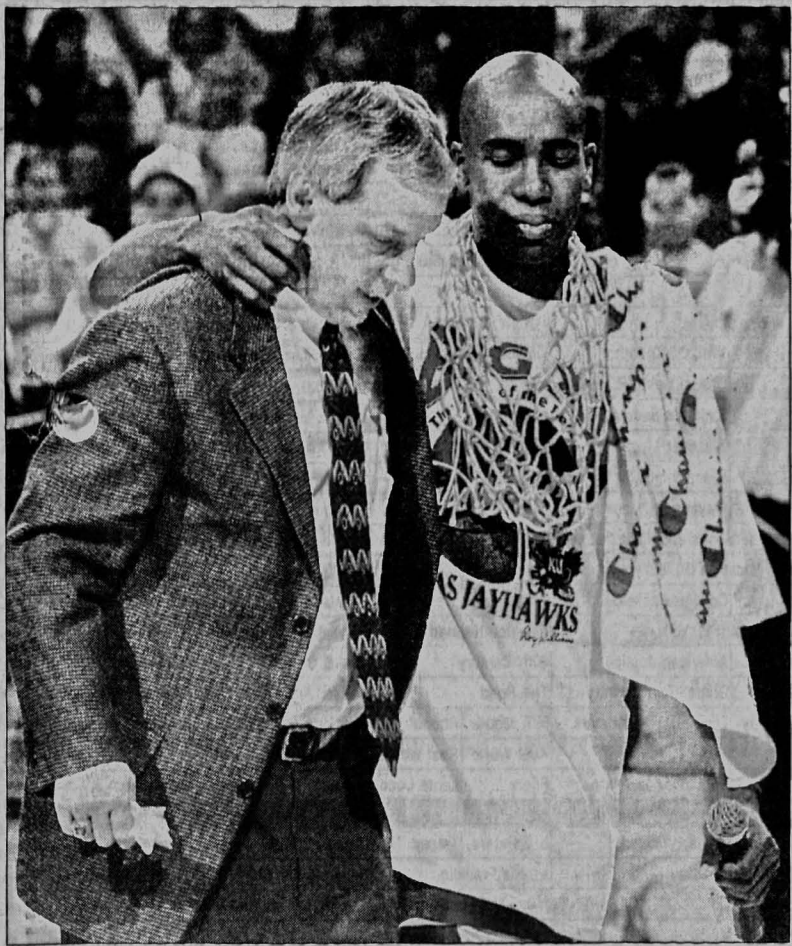




Sports

Jayhawk success goes beyond court

By Doug Tucker Associated Press



Cliff Schiappa/Associated Press

Kansas coach Roy Williams and Jacques Vaughn leave the court after a tearful tribute to the seniors who played their last home game Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Word reached Roy Williams that Jacques Vaughn finally had made a decision. Would the finest high school point guard in the nation come to Kansas, or grace UCLA with the play-making magic that spells the difference between a pretty good team and a champion?

Taking a deep breath, Williams dialed Vaughn's home. "Sorry, coach, I know you didn't want to hear this, but I've changed my mind and I'm going to UCLA," Vaughn said.

The line went silent. Then, Vaughn broke into a laugh. "Just kidding, coach. I'm going to be a Jayhawk," he said.

"The pause probably lasted about five seconds," recalled a grinning Williams. "But it seemed like five years."

The incident, Vaughn said, "was the start of the bond we have."

But it also says a lot about the man who heads the program that's been ranked No. 1 for 13 straight weeks and will probably go into the NCAA tournament as the overall No. 1 seed.

Vaughn had yet to play one game for Williams. Yet, he felt close enough to the coach to be playful at

"Coach Williams is like a father to us, but he's really more than that. It's like he's our best friend, too. He tries very hard to maintain a family-like bond to the entire program. I know that for the rest of my life, wherever I am, coach Williams will be there for me."

Jerod Haase, Kansas senior guard

a moment of high tension, and confident enough to entrust to him his college career.

"What I've learned from him goes far beyond the basketball court," Vaughn says now as he hears the end of a career that's eclipsed the all-time Big Eight record for assists.

Williams' players do not just win. They also go to class, stay out of trouble and vow undying devotion to the high-energy, iron-willed coach who constantly fights a craving for sweets and whose strongest cuss word is "daggumit."

"Coach Williams is like a father to us, but he's really more than that," said senior guard Jerod Haase. "It's like he's our best friend, too. He tries very hard to maintain a family-like bond to the entire program. I know that for the rest of my life, wherever I am, coach Williams will be there for me."

There are six seniors on this 1996-97 team that stands 28-1 heading into Sunday's regular season finale at Nebraska, including Vaughn and Haase, who are both academic all-Americans.

In May, barring some unforeseen classroom catastrophe, all six will get their degrees — in an era when some coaches go years without having six players graduate.

"They're just a great bunch of kids," said Williams. "That's the kind we try to recruit here."

Under the Williams system, there have been high-talent prospects turned down after showing signs of academic or behavioral problems. Their scholarship was used on youngsters whose talent may have been less impressive, but who exhibited stronger character traits.

Once he gets them, Williams molds players into a team-oriented, fast-

breaking squad that plays ferocious man-to-man defense, never seems to come out flat, and wins, wins, wins.

Since Williams was hired off Dean Smith's North Carolina staff, right after Larry Brown coached the 1988 Jayhawks to the NCAA championship, Kansas has failed to win fewer than 25 games only once, in his first season.

His career record is 241-57, a mark no other man in Division I history after nine years can match.

In the Williams era, the Jayhawks have been to two Final Fours and won six of the last seven conference championships, including this year's inaugural Big 12 title.

And, there has never been one whiff of recruiting or academic wrongdoing at a school whose record in earlier times was less than spotless. Williams' first year was spent under heavy recruiting restrictions the NCAA imposed for infractions committed on Brown's watch.

"I think they've developed a mystique much like UNLV and North Carolina had in the 1980s, with recruits," said Iowa State coach Tim Floyd. "It's a popular place (for recruits) to go. They've been scandal-free. Their guys graduate. They play hard. They have great fan support."

"They have it all. And it goes back to who's running the program, to Roy."

Indiana prep basketball prepares for end of tourney era

By Nancy Armour Associated Press

ARGOS, Ind. — Tipoff for the junior varsity game was still a half-hour away, and the parking lot at Argos Junior-Senior High School was full. Parking spaces on nearby side streets were already taken, and the ticket line snaked through the lobby.

For years, teen-agers, parents, young couples and the elderly have turned out for the Argos games, no matter what the team's record.

Like hundreds of other small towns throughout the state, high school basketball is everything. But many in this northern Indiana town of 1,642 are angry.

After 87 years, this is the last of Indiana's storied one-class basketball tournament, a competition in which small schools play big schools, and every so often, the small school comes out a winner.

Like in 1954, when Milan, with just 161 students, won the state title by beating powerhouse Muncie Central. More than 40 years later, people still talk about Bobby Plump's winning shot, immortalized by Hollywood in the movie "Hoosiers."

Where else could a high school game draw a crowd like the 40,000 — a national record — that packed the Hoosier Dome in 1990 to watch

Damon Bailey lead Bedford North Lawrence to the state championship?

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Nita Baker, resident of Argos, Indiana

"It's our game and it's always been our game," said Peter Connolly, an Argos resident. "That's what we like to do, go follow high school basketball."

The one-class tournament — featuring 382 schools, virtually every high school in the state — began Tuesday night and ends with the championship game in Indianapolis on March 22.

Next year there will be four separate tournaments, based on school enrollment. Some people think the change is long overdue.

"I really am mixed," said John Haste, who brings his entire family

to the Dragons' games. "I think with class basketball, we're going to go further in the tournament, but is the tournament going to mean as much?"

Since Milan, only eight schools with enrollments under 500 have reached the Final Four, the last being Southridge in 1986. Of the eight, only Loggootee reached the championship game, losing to Marion in 1975.

Argos also was one of the eight small schools to make it to the Final Four, losing in the semifinals in 1979 to another big-school power, Anderson. After that, the Dragons didn't lose in the regular season until 1982, and their 76-game winning streak still stands as an Indiana regular-season record.

"It was chaos. I think the whole town went down there," said Bill Stults, who was in junior high in 1979. "It's something you'll never forget."

Argos residents are as proud of that team today as they were in 1979, maybe more so. A faded picture of the squad sits in the center of the school's trophy case, flanked by trophies. Another group of photos hangs in the gym.

The Dragons won their last sectional title in 1981. But the town still remembers, and dreams of glory every year at tournament time.

"It adds a little pressure," said Bill Redinger, a junior forward for Argos. "When they start talking about it, they get you believing. When you don't, you think about what could have been."

Surrounded by farmland and located about 45 minutes south of South Bend, Argos is neat and quiet, with well-worn basketball hoops in most driveways. It is the kind of town where everyone knows each other, and the regulars at Louie's Tavern greet newcomers by offering to buy them a beer.

Inevitably, conversations turn to basketball. Sure, everyone follows Indiana and Purdue, but as tournament time nears, all the talk is of the Dragons.

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Those opposed to the multiclass tournaments fear there won't be the same enthusiasm next year.

"There is one best team, just one. There is one winner, not five," Bak-

er said. "If you have four or five classes and you get to the Final Four, you're not one of the four best teams in Indiana."

The Dragons, 10-9 in the regular season, drew former champion Warsaw in the first round of the sectional, and the players know

their season will probably end Tuesday night.

Next year will be different. "Different can be good," player Eric Stults said. "You never know until you try it. If no one likes it, you can go back to it. But we've got to try."

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German national team visits Holocaust museum

JERUSALEM (AP) — Germany's soccer team took time out Tuesday from training for an exhibition game against Israel to tour the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and lay a wreath in memory of 6 million Jews killed in the Nazi genocide.

The presence of the players drew mixed reactions from Israeli high school students, who were visiting Yad Vashem at the same time.

Orit Amar, 17, said she appreciated that the players came to see the exhibits that document German atrocities against Jews during World War II.

"We are happy that they are

here and they care about the Holocaust," Amar said. "But they should also be ashamed."

Students mobbed the German captain, Jurgen Klinsmann, who signed autographs for any youngster who managed to evade security guards. Other German players also obliged by signing scraps of papers given to them by the Israeli teenagers.

"It was very, very emotional and also shocking," Klinsmann said. "Even if we are a younger generation, we still have the responsibility to talk and to teach the next generation."

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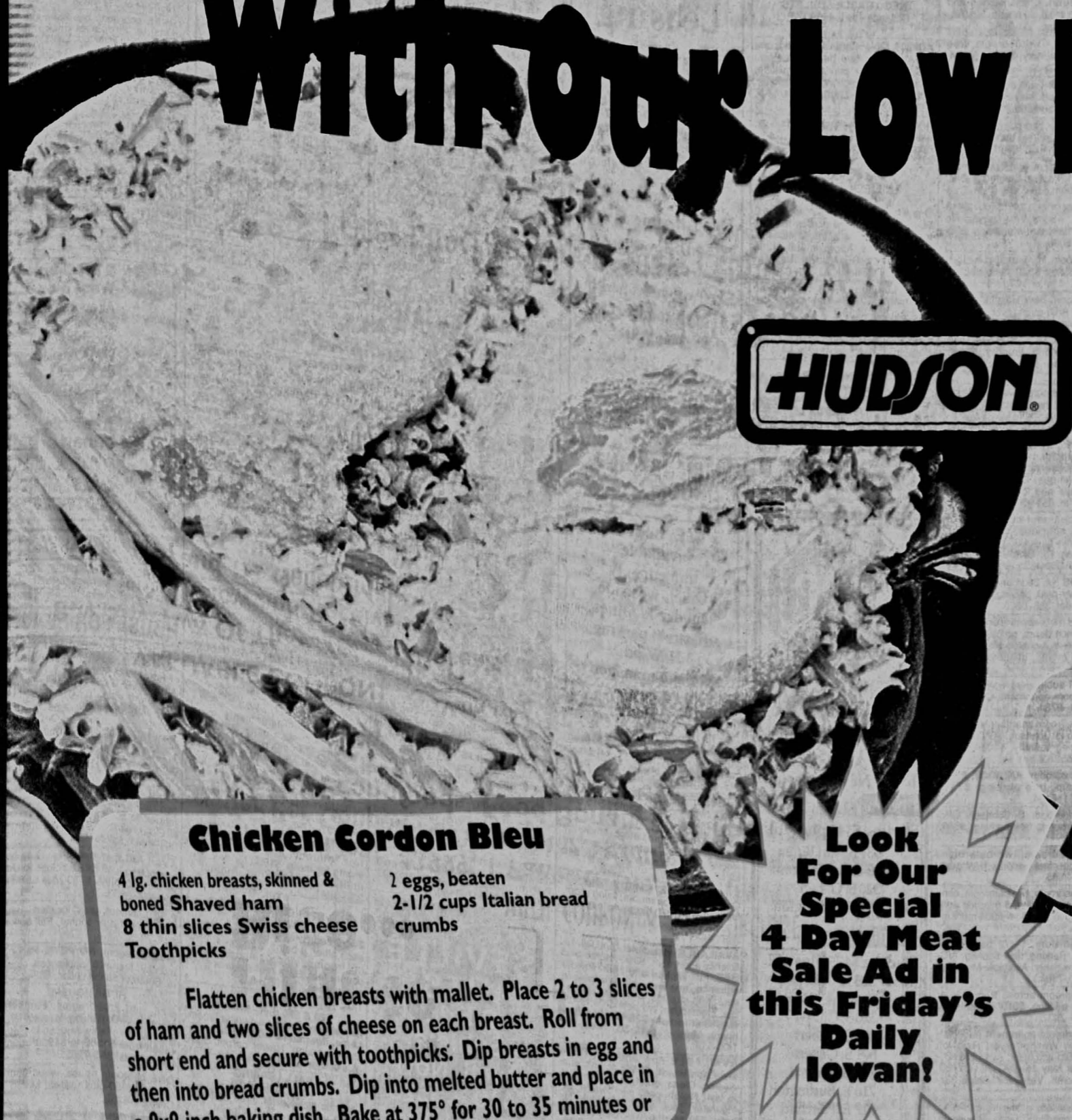








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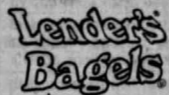
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