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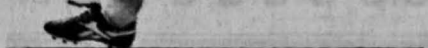
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SPORTS Soccer team wins inaugural game

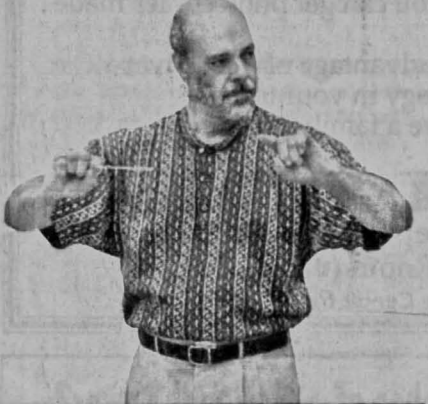
The Hawkeyes beat Northern Illinois, 3-2. See story, Page 1B.



ARTS

New conductor at UI

William Jones (below) is the first new symphony orchestra conductor at the UI in more than 25 years, replacing James Dixon, who resigned last fall. See story, Page 9A.



VIEWPOINTS

Keller looks back on 1996

In part one of The Year in Review, columnist Patrick Keller takes a humorous look back at the first two months of the school year, on topics ranging from the Barnstormers to Bob Dole.

Editorial: The responsibility of the press

Editorial writer Kriston Beardsley takes examines at the death of Princess Diana and what it means to the role of the press in society. See Viewpoints, Page 10A.

ET CETERA

Anthropology Department

Anthropology Professor Mac Marshall defines anthropology as the study of human beings not only in the past, but in all points of time. The variety of courses available in the department include language, religion, folk and tribal settings. See story, Page 2A.

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HISTORY LESSON

World
On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II.

United States

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.

Local

In 1985, employees of Dominos Pizza, 529 S. Riverside Drive, made pizzas in a modified Domino's semi-trailer after the store's kitchen was gutted by fire. An attached plywood office handled orders and dispatches.

SOUND BITE

Diana's death

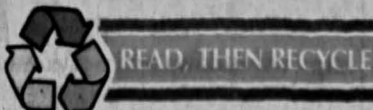
"She was banished by the royal family but she was the star member of the royal family. It will be hard to see what they will be without her."

— Royal biographer Anthony Holden concerning the death of Princess Diana.

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"God took their souls to live together in paradise. Now they have peace."

Mohamed Al Fayed, father of Princess Diana's companion Dodi Fayed

Princess Diana 1961-1997

■ The media responds to tabloid journalism ■ Land mine conference pays tribute to the Princess Page 7A



Sean Dempsey/Associated Press

Numerous floral tributes for the late Diana, Princess of Wales, are seen outside the gates of Buckingham Palace Monday. The car carrying Diana, Dodi Fayed, her chauffeur and a bodyguard crashed early Sunday in Paris while being chased by paparazzi on motorcycles.

I.C. reflects on Di

Iowa City residents expressed shock at the death of Princess Diana.

By Steven Cook
The Daily Iowan

Iowa City resident Diana Anwar caught her first glimpse of the tragic death of Princess Diana while walking past a newsstand Sunday morning.

"It's a shock," Anwar said. "I walked past and had to look twice because I thought that must be a joke."

News of the death of Diana, the Princess of Wales, began filtering

through Iowa City late Saturday night. Shock and sadness were the feelings expressed by many residents following the fatal car accident.

Princess Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and their chauffeur were killed early Sunday morning — Saturday evening local time — following a violent car crash in the heart of Paris. A fourth passenger in the car, a bodyguard, is the only survivor.

UI graduate student Charlie Hitscherich, who was leaving Sunday services at the Newman Center, said he was saddened by the tragic death of Princess Di.

"It's a real shame that someone was

forced into a life in exile and hiding from photographers," Hitscherich said. "Like the pastor said, it's like a Shakespearean tragedy, someone so young and someone who did so much — to die this way."

Native of the United Kingdom and journalism teaching assistant, Maya Anaokar, said it was very upsetting to see someone die so young.

"It's particularly troubling that it sounds as if the woman was hounded to her death," she said.

The royal family's popularity has fallen to record lows in the UK, however.

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Diana's driver was drunk

■ Authorities report Diana's driver was drunk, driving at a very high speed.

By Jocelyn Noweck
Associated Press

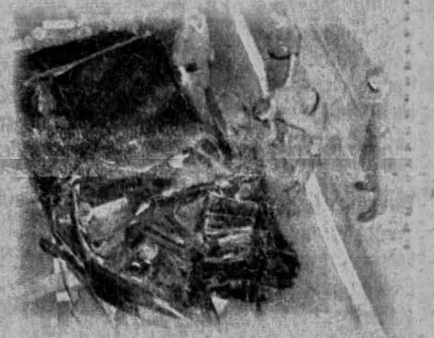
PARIS — New details of Princess Diana's fatal ride emerged Monday and the picture French sources painted was grim: a legally drunk driver, possibly pushing his Mercedes over 100 mph, trying to weave around slower traffic.

It introduced a major new element in an investigation that had seemed focused on the role that pursuing photographers may have played in causing the crash, which also killed Diana's millionaire boyfriend Dodi Fayed and the driver.

In one damning — but unconfirmed — report Monday, the newspaper *Le Monde* said witnesses saw photographers trying to push police and rescuers away as they snapped photos of Diana and Fayed after the crash.

And in Tuesday issues of London newspapers, there were unconfirmed

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Jerome Delay/Associated Press

Police prepare to take away the car in which Diana, Princess of Wales, died Sunday.

Caution is credit card key

■ UI credit card users say monthly payments and responsibility are the key to avoiding debt.

By Kelli Otting
The Daily Iowan

UI alumnus Chris Okiishi got his first credit card by filling out an application he received in a bookstore bag his freshman year.

Now, more than nine years later, he has five credit cards with balances on each one. Okiishi said although he hasn't gotten into major trouble over using his cards, it was easy to fall in the trap of buying something he wanted and paying for it over time.

With the start of the fall semester, credit card companies are targeting new students offering low rates, free periods and introductory gifts. However, some students wish they could swipe away the debt they received from signing on for their own piece of plastic.

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Credit Card Q & A

Q: What is the interest rate?

Rates will be stated as the annual percentage rate of interest, or "A.P.R."

Q: What are the penalty rates?
Card issuers may raise the interest rate on your entire balance to over 30 percent if payments are late.

Q: How much are the annual fees?
A credit card with a slightly higher interest rate, but no annual fee, may be a better deal than a card with a lower interest rate with an annual fee.

Q: Is there a free period?
Most credit card companies will not impose a finance charge if you pay the outstanding balance before the due-date shown on your statement. Others charge interest from the date of purchase.

Q: Are there hidden fees?
If the student does not read the fine print they may not be aware of the late-payment fees, over-the-limit fees, and charges for cash advances. Card issuers are increasingly imposing more and higher fees. Fees add up quickly and make a credit card much more expensive than planned.

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"It doesn't feel like real money until you get the bill, and it took me awhile to get used to that," he said. "It's not some magical Mastercard that is going to pay for itself."

It's almost a necessity to have a credit card in college, Okiishi said, but chargers must use them responsibly.

"Just don't let them raise your credit

Gore takes credit for wage hike

■ Al Gore claimed credit for federal minimum wage increase at a speech Monday.

By Mike Glover
Associated Press



Gore
In Illinois Monday

HAMPTON, Ill. (AP) — Vice President Al Gore claimed credit for Monday's increase in the minimum wage as he sought to cement occasionally rocky ties with a labor movement that declared "America's unions are back."

Gore traveled to the banks of the Mississippi River to offer a rousing

endorsement of a "new unionism" as he marched in a Labor Day parade and gave a union-boosting speech.

The minimum wage increased by 40 cents on Monday and is now \$5.15 an hour. That's the second phase of an increase earlier approved by Congress.

Gore ripped Republican critics and pointed to a booming economy.

"They said it would ignite inflation," he said. "They said it would lead to the

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Remembering Shaw



Pete Thompson/The Daily Iowan

Mourners place candles around a chalk memorial Friday evening reading "Remember Eric Shaw Aug. 30, 1996." More than 100 people attended the vigil in which Jay and Blossom Shaw read passages to the crowd in honor of their son. Friday marked the one year anniversary of the shooting of Eric Shaw by Iowa City police officer Jeffery Gillaspie.

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Committee to bring Stone

■ After hitting the ground running with "Loveline," the UI Lecture Committee is gearing up for another year of speakers.

By Will Valet
The Daily Iowan

"Loveline" was just the beginning. Aside from the Aug. 27 appearance of Dr. Drew Pinsky and Adam Carolla, hosts of MTV's "Loveline," the UI Lecture Committee (ULC) has scheduled four other speakers, including film director Oliver Stone and "60 Minutes"

commentator Molly Ivins.

The committee has designed a schedule of speakers to accommodate the varied interests of audiences, ULC Chairperson and UI junior Shirin Sadeghi said.

"Our goal this year was to attract a big variety of crowds with different backgrounds and interests, and an equal division of male and female audience members," she said. "We're trying to attract people to lectures with big topics and not just big names."

Sadeghi said entertainment speakers have drawn the biggest audiences in the past.

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Nation

Hunters kill by mistake

■ An Arizona couple was shot to death by bounty hunters searching for a bail jumper.

PHOENIX (AP) — Bounty hunters wearing black ski masks and looking for a bail jumper kicked in the front door of a house, held children at gunpoint and shot a young couple to death in a case of mistaken identity, police said.

Three of the bounty hunters were in custody Monday, including one who has been charged with second-degree murder and two hospitalized with gunshot wounds. Police were looking for four others.

Investigators said they don't believe the bail jumper was in the house and may never have lived there.

"It's still a mystery why they went to that house," said police Sgt. Mike Torres.

The shootings have focused renewed attention on Arizona laws that allow bounty hunters to break down doors and use guns to bring bail jumpers back to jail. They don't need a court order or warrant.



Chris Foote and Spring Wright, seen in an undated family photo, were not wanted for any crime, but they paid with their lives when bounty hunters looking for a bail jumper stormed their Phoenix, Arizona home on Sunday.

They don't even need a license to do what they do, police said. "Whatever force necessary," said Linda Ownbey of Liberty Bail Bonds, the state's largest bail business. "It's spelled out in the contract that people have to sign."

In Sunday's shooting, the bounty hunters were looking for an out-of-state bail jumper who owed a California bond company \$25,000. Police said one bounty hunter held a woman and her

three children at gunpoint while others kicked down the door to the couple's bedroom.

Killed were Chris Foote, 23, and his 21-year-old girlfriend, Spring Wright. Police said Foote apparently managed to shoot two of the bounty hunters with a handgun before he died.

Luisa Sharrah, who lived in the house, said she woke up to find two men straddling her and tying her hands with white cords.

Chavis' practice faces turmoil

■ The California law banning affirmative action is causing problems for a doctor that is considered the embodiment of it.

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

LYNWOOD, Calif. — Long before California banned racial preferences, there was Patrick Chavis, a black medical student swept up in one of the earliest court cases over affirmative action.

Chavis, who grew up in South Central Los Angeles, not only survived the Bakke case, which went all the way to the Supreme Court in the 1970s, but was hailed as the embodiment of affirmative action as it was meant to be when he opened an office in a poor Los Angeles neighborhood instead of a well-to-do suburb.

Today, however, the 45-year-old obstetrician-gynecologist is temporarily barred from practicing because of alleged negligence in the death of a liposuction patient, and critics are using him as a weapon to attack affirmative action.

"A cautionary tale about the dangers of preferential treatment," Mark Lasswell, contributing editor at *Allure* magazine, wrote in a *Wall Street Journal* opinion piece Wednesday.

Civil rights groups that once touted Chavis said his problems should not be used to argue against affirmative action.

"It's never wise to rely solely on anecdotal information to justify public policy," said Oren Sellstrom of the San Francisco-based Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. "A single example does not constitute data."

Whatever the larger social implications, Chavis is in very deep trouble.

Court files show he has been sued at least 21 times for alleged malpractice. He has settled some of the cases without admitting wrongdoing. He declared bankruptcy in March. Before that, he failed to pay child support. He has been through two bitter divorces, with an alimony trial pending.

Worst of all, he could permanently lose his medical license and even face criminal charges in the death of Tammara Cotton, a 43-year-old court clerk.

In a recent interview, Chavis denied all the allegations against him. He said his accusers at the state Medical Board relied on incomplete records from a hospital he has clashed with numerous times, and on selective interviews with his enemies, including his ex-wives.

All of the Medical Board investigators who have questioned him are white, as are the administra-

tors at the hospital where he once worked, he said.

"That's racism, I don't care what you say," Chavis said. "They wouldn't do that to a white guy."

In October, Chavis will face administrative hearings on whether he should lose his license over Cotton's death.

Cotton suffered severe blood loss and died of cardiac arrest in June 1996, hours after Chavis removed fat from her abdomen, buttocks and thighs.

Investigators allege Chavis was incompetent and negligent. Among other things, he allegedly failed to monitor Cotton's blood pressure or hospitalize her when it dropped.

Deputy Attorney General Richard Avila said at a hearing this summer that Chavis "abandoned patients at critical points in their recovery."

Chavis blames the woman's death on her husband, Jimmy, who he says propped her up after surgery against his orders, causing a fatal plunge in blood pressure. State medical reports confirm Jimmy Cotton moved his wife into a wheelchair after the liposuction.

Chavis acknowledges that he had left his office for his home, where another patient was recovering.

"There's a good possibility that if I had been there standing guard over them, this probably wouldn't have happened," he said. "But I left my competent nurse there."

U.S. tribe funds vary

■ An analysis of the money given to American Indian tribes shows a sharp difference between the funds received.

By Philip Brasher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By any measure, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa in Minnesota is one of the most successful tribes in America. Casinos trimmed unemployment and welfare rolls and helped build new schools and a clinic.

Yet the tribal government still gets \$1.4 million a year from the Bureau of Indian Affairs — roughly \$1,000 for every tribal member.

Meanwhile, a few hundred miles west, some of the poorest Americans, South Dakota's Oglala and Rosebud Sioux, get about \$200 per member from the BIA.

An AP analysis of the Indian agency's arcane funding systems shows wide disparities, with the richest, best-located tribes frequently the best funded, up to \$2,000 per member, while some tribes get less than \$100.

And the gap between tribes grows as annual funding increases are made at the same rate for every reservation.

BIA officials say it's politically impossible for them to redistribute the money. And distrustful tribes — rich and poor — don't want any change.

The Senate, nevertheless, will debate legislation this month that could lead to relatively wealthy tribes getting less of the BIA money flow.

"All tribes have needs but the tribes with the greatest needs and poorest situations should be, at the least, given some level of preference," said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash.

Gorton inserted a provision in the Interior Department's 1998 appropriations bill that would require tribes to begin reporting their income to the BIA. It's a first step toward requiring the federal agency to fund tribes according to need.


Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has said he would recommend a veto of the appropriations bill if Gorton's provision stays in.

Opponents such as Ron Allen, president of the National Congress of American Indians, explained: "You can't come in and fix a problem like this overnight in such a blatant and callous way. It's fundamentally wrong."

Tribal leaders argue that the federal government is obligated to care for Indians in perpetuity and that basing funding on need would discourage tribes from trying to improve themselves.

"I don't think they could guarantee us we wouldn't be hurt by this," said William Kindle, president of the Rosebud Sioux, whose barren reservation has one of the nation's highest poverty rates. "They've never kept their word with us."

More than 200 Indian leaders are coming to Washington this week to lobby against Gorton's provision and a second, equally unpopular, measure that seeks to strip tribes of their immunity against lawsuits.



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San Francisco

UCSF giving organs to HIV patients

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As new therapies prolong the lives of those infected with the virus that causes AIDS, the University of California in San Francisco is offering organ transplants to people infected with HIV.

But doctors said they would only offer organs to people whose infection with the virus was under control and who are not dying from other diseases.

And HIV patients will only get organs that otherwise would have been turned down, so others will not be deprived of the kidneys or hearts they need, said Dr. Nancy Ascher, a UCSF liver transplant surgeon.

That would include body parts from donors who are HIV negative but considered high risk — such as people who are gay, have multiple sex partners or have a history of intravenous drug use.

Most other major transplant centers in the nation will not give organs to people infected with the AIDS virus. They say the shortage of donated organs demands that they be reserved for those with the greatest chance of a long and productive life.

Coast to Coast



Washington

Contributions influenced senators says anti-tobacco group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers who received contributions from tobacco companies were three times more likely to have voted to block spending to help states fight cigarette sales to minors, says a new analysis by smoking foes.

The Food and Drug Administration has requested \$34 million to distribute to states to enforce new federal rules intended to prevent teen-age tobacco sales.

The full Senate is expected to decide, possibly this week, how much anti-tobacco money to provide to the FDA.

An attempt to provide the full amount was blocked in July. A Senate commit-

tee voted to provide just \$4.9 million, and the full Senate voted 52-48 to turn back an amendment by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, that would have added the remaining funds.

Texas

Luck, hunch lead to alleged robber's arrest

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — There was no fancy manhunt, just luck and the hunch of a U.S. Customs inspector that nabbed the man suspected of stealing \$22 million, the biggest heist in the nation's history.

Philip Johnson, an armored car driver accused of stealing from his employer last March in Jacksonville, Fla., was arrested Saturday in Brownsville, near the U.S.-Mexico border. His arraignment on a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution was scheduled for later this week.

The money from the armored car was not recovered and authorities said they don't know where it might be.

It was Johnson's answers to routine questions at a border crossing that spurred the interest of an unidentified senior Customs inspector.

Glimpse at the Globe



Bosnia

U.S. soldiers stoned in Bosnia

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Supporters of Radovan Karadzic pelted U.S. soldiers with stones today at a TV transmitter secured after backers of the war crimes suspect broadcast calls for violence against foreign troops.

As the crowd of Bosnian Serb hardliners grew, the troops fired a canister of tear gas "to protect the soldiers," said Maj. Chris Riley, a spokesperson for the NATO-led peace force. There were no injuries.

That action came Thursday, NATO sources said. Shortly after, 27 armed men thought loyal to Karadzic showed up and NATO troops stripped them of 25 unauthorized rifles and sent them away, the sources said.



Adel Hana/Associated Press

Israel

Palestinians wait to be issued work permits outside of a Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Labor office at the Jabaliyah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, on Monday. Israel announced that they will ease the closure restrictions on the West Bank and Gaza imposed after last month's Jerusalem suicide bombing and allow over 4,000 Palestinians to enter Israel for work Tuesday.

Moscow

Yeltsin will not run again

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin said in a surprise announcement today that he has no plans to run again for office when his current term expires in 2000.

The 66-year-old Yeltsin made the comment during an address at a

Moscow school, where he was marking the start of the new school year. He gave no indication of what he intends to do after his term expires.

"My term ends in 2000. I will not run anymore," said Yeltsin in remarks broadcast on Russian television channels.

Looking happy and smiling, Yeltsin said younger, more energetic people would be needed to run the country in the future. He also praised the young advisers and officials in his administration.

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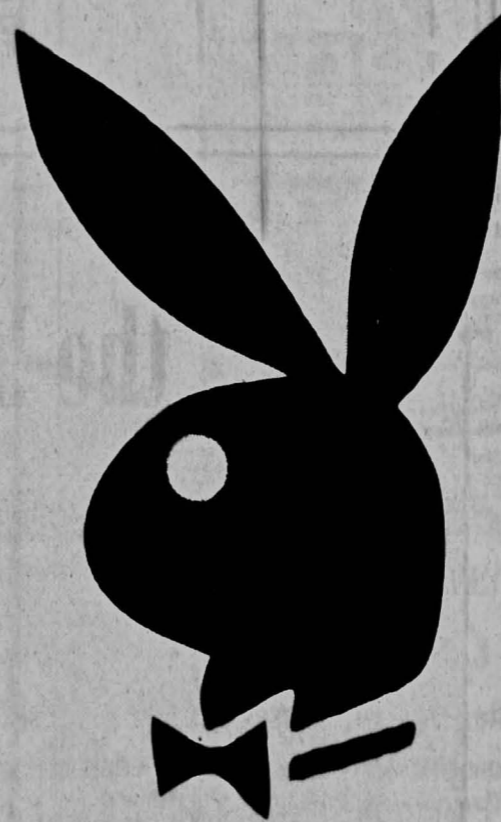
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By Michelle Booster
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Facing a seething over the possible the paparazzi in Princess death, editors of the nation newspapers said Sunday "not even in the same busi the tabloids.

But others called the cogs in the same wheel.

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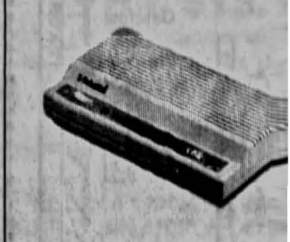
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Princess Diana 1961-1997

American newspapers trash tabloid journalism practices

U.S. newspapers are attempting to define the differences between tabloids and major papers.

By Michelle Boorstein
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facing a public seething over the possible role of the paparazzi in Princess Diana's death, editors of the nation's major newspapers said Sunday they're "not even in the same business" as the tabloids.

But others called themselves cogs in the same wheel.

Actors, members of Britain's royal family and Diana mourners worldwide slammed the media for feeding the public's insatiable appetite for celebrity news. Most editors, however, said they typically don't buy or print pictures taken by guerrilla photographers.

Carolyn Lee, a *New York Times* assistant managing editor and former photo editor, said the *Times* doesn't encourage the purchase or production of paparazzi photos.

"Every picture is an individual judgment. But we are very conservative, and we do not practice sensational journalism associated with most of the paparazzi," she said.

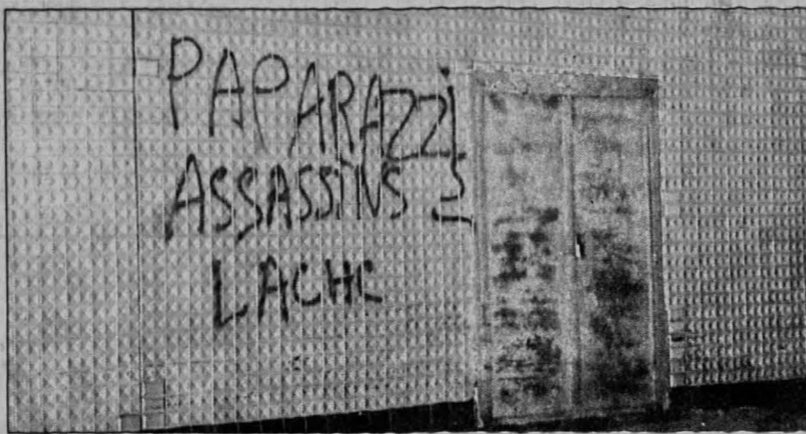
Lee said mainstream papers have been forced to consider the popularity that print and television tabloids have reached.

"But that doesn't mean we have to emulate them," she said.

Los Angeles Times Editor and Executive Vice President Shelby Coffey III said his newspaper's photographers pursue "journalistic excellence and not high-price prurience."

"I think we try to tell stories with distinctive powerful photographs and sensationalism is not our way. We do make a judgment on each picture according to the needs of the story and our readers," Coffey said.

George Langford, public editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, said his paper wouldn't chase someone for a pic-



Michel Spingler/Associated Press

Graffiti reading "paparazzi, assassins and cowards" is painted on Monday inside the Alma bridge tunnel in Paris near the spot where the car carrying Diana, Dodi Fayed, her chauffeur and a bodyguard crashed early Sunday while being chased by paparazzi on motorcycles.

ture.

"There absolutely is a blurring in the minds of the public between us, tabloids, Internet news, all the media. One person's sins will certainly give everybody in general a bad reputation," he said.

Diana died after her automobile, pursued by paparazzi photographers, crashed early Sunday in a Paris traffic tunnel.

"We have definite rules against doing anything like that. That would definitely cross the line. ... It's not the type of journalism we practice. It's not even journalism," Langford said.

To Michael deCille, photography editor of *The Washington Post*, the distinction is clear between tabloids and mainstream news coverage.

"The huge difference is that we try to tell stories and present the news as it is rather than make it sensationalistic," he said, adding that the most the *Post* pays for photos is less than \$200.

"When Princess Diana comes to Washington, we don't chase her around. We go to events that she has scheduled, where the press is allowed and we follow the rules of the game," deCille said.

Vincent J. Alabiso, vice president and executive photo editor of *The*



Adrian Dennis/Associated Press

A mourner weeps outside the gates of Buckingham Palace in London, on Sunday following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Associated Press, said it would be premature to comment on the Diana accident until the extent of the paparazzi's involvement is determined.

"As a rule, however, the AP does not condone any behavior that risks a subject's life and does not accept a photo or a story obtained that way," Alabiso said.

Conference perpetuates Di's work

The conference on land mines continues on with a moment of silence for Diana and a resolve to see her goals fulfilled.

By Doug Mellgren
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Delegates to a global conference on land mines stood silently Monday to pay tribute to Princess Diana, the world's most visible advocate of banning the deadly devices.

Some who shared her goal accused the United States of threatening a pact that could achieve it.

The roughly 400 delegates from 100 nations rose at the opening of

the Oslo conference for a moment of silent reflection on Diana's efforts to draw attention to the 26,000 people killed or maimed by land mines each year. The conference started the day after a Paris car crash killed the princess, who had visited land mine victims in Angola and the former Yugoslavia earlier this year.

"We shall spare no effort at this conference to achieve the goals she set for herself," Norway's Foreign Minister, Bjorn Tore Godal, said.

Shortly after the ceremony, an umbrella group for more than 1,000 non-governmental organizations warned that the United States had sent delegates to Oslo to seek exceptions that could weaken a treaty.

"There is a serious threat to this process," Jody Williams of the International Campaign to Ban Land

Mines, said. "It is primarily my own country, I am embarrassed to say, the United States, that has come here to try to force the world into the Cold War mold and do it the way it's always done it."

An operator at the U.S. delegation's hotel said the Americans were not accepting calls from the news media. The AP was referred to the U.S. Embassy, which was closed for the Labor Day holiday.

The Oslo conference, which lasts through Sept. 19, builds on a series of meetings that began almost a year ago in Ottawa, Canada. The intention has been to hammer out a global ban.

Williams said the process differs from past efforts because less-influential nations, rather than world powers, have taken the lead.

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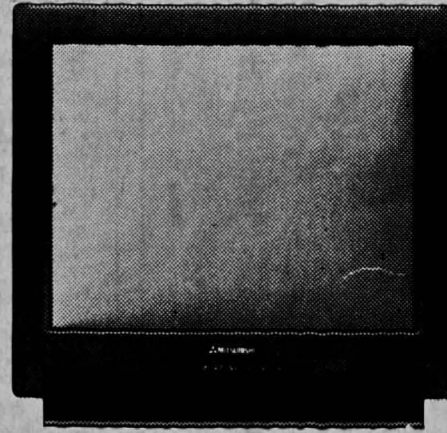
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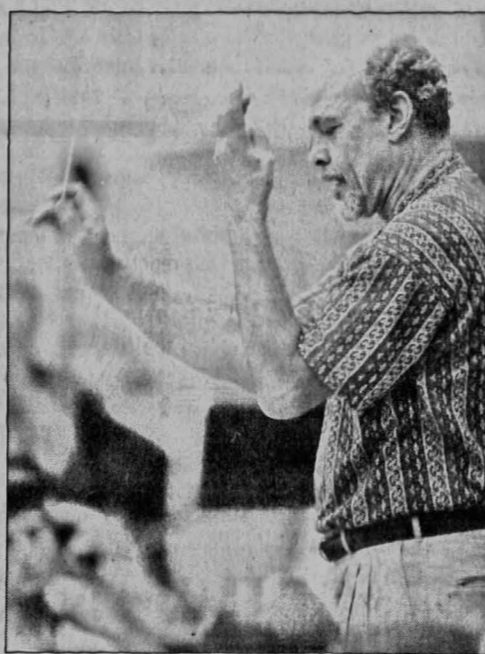
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William Jones, the new conductor of the UI symphony orchestra, conducts the first reading of a piece Thursday evening at the Voxman Music Hall.

Jones returns to UI to conduct orchestra

William Jones, the first new symphony orchestra conductor at the UI in 25 years, hopes to increase awareness and attendance at symphony orchestra concerts.

By Jenn Snyder
The Daily Iowan

William Jones has bounced from Kansas to New York to the Twin Cities in his musical career, but his Iowa connections have pulled this worldly musician back to one of his first homes: the UI.

Jones is the first new symphony orchestra conductor at the UI in over 25 years, replacing James Dixon, who resigned last fall. Jones, who started his education at Kansas State University as an engineering major, said all it took was one humanities class to change his mind about his career.

"I was very interested in the music section in that class, and that was one of the things that first intrigued me towards music," he said.

Teaching and Learning Music

Both a bassoonist and string bass player, Jones has been playing and performing ever since. He went from Kansas State to the Julliard School of Music in New York City, where he played with the American Ballet Theatre while taking classes. After earning his doctorate in bassoon performance and conducting, he moved on to the UI for more graduate study. Jones earned an MFA from UI while teaching at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon. At the UI, he conducted and taught freshman and sophomore music theory and a humanities class. It was at this time he met his wife, Sue, a vocal performance major at the UI. He would later return to Iowa to conduct the All State orchestra and at the UI's All State Music Camp.

After being on faculty at the University of Wisconsin Madison, Jones moved to the Twin Cities and established the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony Orchestra. For 25 years, Jones conducted and did administrative work for the orchestra, which has performed worldwide and produced scores of professional players.

Jones said the educational environment of the youth orchestra is similar not just to conducting at the UI, but conducting professional orchestras as well.

"Youth have the same process as a professional orchestra: they have practice, and they have concerts," Jones said.

"Even with a professional group you have to give your interpretive concepts and your thoughts about the piece. To a certain extent, whenever you're on the podium you're teaching."

Jones conducted the Minnesota Orchestra and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra along with the GYSO in the Twin Cities. He is still conducting the Bloomington Symphony,

a semi-professional orchestra, and commuting weekly between the UI and his Minnesota home.

Music for the Masses

Jones said one of his goals at the UI is to increase awareness of and attendance at UI symphony concerts. He said college students have an inherent interest in orchestral music, but it needs to be fostered.

"We're vying with a lot of activities for students' leisure time," Jones said, "and I think the students will take advantage of (music) if they know about concerts far enough in advance."

"This is the most intelligent collection of people on university campuses that you have in any state. They're the ones that are the culturally most curious, and probably more aware than almost any of our population, so there's no reason why they wouldn't be excited about coming to hear an orchestra perform, or the ballet, or opera."

Jones said this cultural enlightenment is important to all audiences, not just students. "People will come to a concert because they wished to be entertained, but at the same time, it's the responsibility of the conductor to educate, stretch and challenge them," Jones said.

"I think sometimes you play the standard repertoire because that's what the audience needs to hear and remember, but I also try to find those really fine pieces that are being written by our peers today."

Jones said that as an educator, he sees variety and depth in a student's repertoire as one of their most valuable assets as they enter the job market. He said he doesn't think the basic rules about breaking into professional music have changed, but the job market is tougher for musicians in the 1990s.

"The job market has narrowed," Jones said. "Because of that, there is a need to be even more prepared than one would've had to have been 20 or 40 years ago."

"From an educational standpoint, we must do as much of a spread of the repertoire through the periods that are significant for their education as they go out here to take auditions and play," Jones said.

"Now that all auditions are global, it's very important not to ignore that part of their education."


A Smooth Start

Jones, who began teaching last week, said he is excited to dig in on the symphony's first concert — a thick program ranging from Bernstein's Overture to "Candide" to Rachmaninoff's 2nd Symphony.

"That's always a great joy, to finally get to the music," he said.

He also said he has enjoyed meeting the faculty, including a few who were at the UI when he did his graduate work over 30 years ago.

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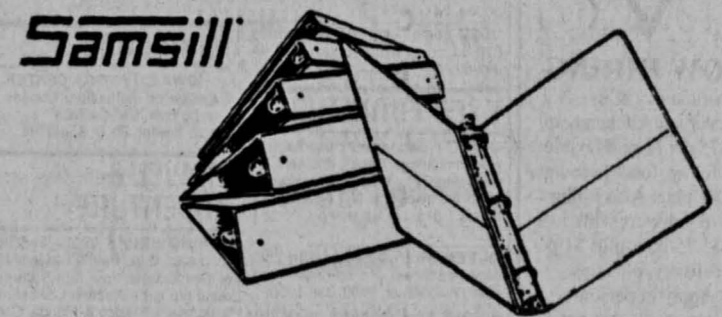
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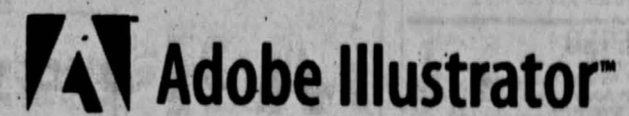
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