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**Fort Dodge man sentenced in VEISHEA slaying**

NEVADA, Iowa (AP) — A Fort Dodge man was sentenced Monday to life in prison without a chance of parole for the April stabbing death of another man during an annual Iowa State University celebration.

Michael Ron Runyan, 21, was convicted last month in the death of Harold Uriah Sellers, 19, of Monroe. He claimed he stabbed Sellers in self-defense during an argument on the lawn of an Iowa State fraternity.

But prosecutors said Runyan got the knife from his van after a confrontation with Sellers. Both were intoxicated and neither was a student at the school, which was holding its VEISHEA celebration.

"I never wanted or intended to kill anyone," Runyan told Story County District Judge Timothy Finn.

Runyan was arrested after an Iowa State student gave police a description of a jacket that Runyan was wearing at the time of the stabbing. The jacket bore the name of a Fort Dodge company.

Runyan and a friend, Luke Abrams, later surrendered to authorities. Abrams, 18, pleaded guilty in September to charges of being armed with intent to cause injury and being an accessory after a crime and was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Runyan told Finn that jurors were more interested in the future of VEISHEA than in handing up a just verdict. He is appealing the conviction.

The slaying came after student riots at earlier VEISHEA festivals and prompted an intensive review of the future of the popular event.

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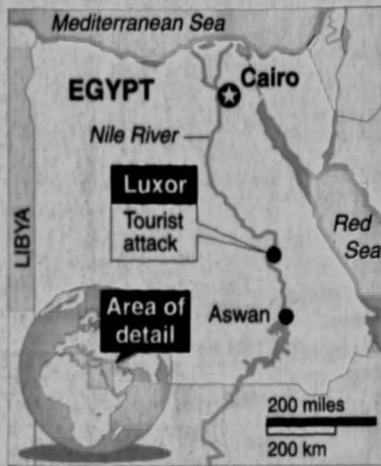
# Tourists shot in Egypt

70 people were killed as gunmen raked tourists with bullets in Egypt.

LUXOR, Egypt (AP) — Militants dressed as police sprayed gunfire on foreign tourists outside one of Egypt's most renowned temples Monday, killing 65 people. It appeared to be the worst attack in a five-year Islamic insurgency that has haunted Egypt's vital tourism industry.

Hundreds of foreigners and Egyptians dived to the ground or scrambled for shelter behind ancient pillars as the gunmen fired randomly into the crowds along a broad plaza facing the three-story Hatshepout temple. Police said they killed all six gunmen.

"They started shooting everyone — Egyptians, foreigners, children," said a ticket taker at the temple, Said Ahmed Gasseem. "They were like madmen. Anyone moving they shot."



The massacre at the 3,400-year-old temple in southern Egypt is an enormous blow to Egypt's campaign to revive the tourism crucial to its economy. Some travel agencies immediately canceled tours.

The government blamed Islamic mil-

itants in southern Egypt who have waged a violent campaign since 1992 to oust Mubarak's secular government and impose strict Muslim rule.

While there was no immediate claim of responsibility, a group called the Vanguard of Conquest said Tuesday that the attack came despite their repeated warnings for tourists to stay away from Egypt.

The group, which calls itself a successor to the movement that assassinated President Anwar Sadat in 1981, stopped short of claiming responsibility. But in a statement sent to The Associated Press in Cairo, it warned that more attacks might follow.

"The operation in Luxor won't be the last," the statement said.

Egypt's Information Ministry said 70 people died in the shooting: 60 tourists, two police, two Egyptians and the six attackers. The Middle East News



Mohamed El-Dakhkhny/Associated Press  
 Egyptian soldiers carry the body of one of the suspected Islamic militants involved in an attack on tourists, past onlookers near the Pharonic temples at Luxor, Egypt Monday. Gunmen disguised as police opened fire, killing at least 70 people in Egypt's worst attack by militants. Six of the gunmen were killed in a shootout with police.

### Religion

Two Mormon missionaries share their trials and tribulations on the job.

By Jeff Clayton  
 The Daily Iowan

They've had doors slammed in their faces, been attacked by dogs, walked in on pot-smoking lawbreakers and even had someone offer to cast the demons out of their bodies.

Elders Todd Olsen, 21, and Richard Litherland, 19, are Mormon missionaries spending two years of their lives spreading their message for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

They work seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., talking about their religion in Iowa City to anyone willing to listen.

"We feel of missionary work that this is really a calling from God," Olsen said. "He has us go to specific places."

#### Stories from the Trenches

Dressed in blue suits with their names pinned to their jackets, the two walk door to door — or "field teaching" as they call it — looking for people. Return visits following a first meeting are known as "checkbacks."

"I guess in the Army they call it the trenches," Olsen said. "This is like being in the trenches."

Each elder has war stories to tell about missionary work, such as people telling them they are going to hell.

They often find people who claim to have visions and are prophets. On average, they find someone claiming to be a prophet every two months.

"You don't say 'No you're not,'" Olsen said. "They'll just get upset."

Previous missionary work in Waterloo led Olsen to be mistaken for a cop.

"They asked me to show ID," he said. "A license from Utah didn't go over the greatest."

Olsen said he has had interesting religious conversations with people high on marijuana. "They'll open the door and you can totally smell it," he said. "(When you say, 'We're missionaries,' they're like, 'Oh.'")

Although both have heard of people answering the door naked, it has not happened to them. However, they have found themselves with chatty people.

"You sometimes get with a person who likes to talk," Olsen said. "I mean really likes to talk."

#### Becoming a Missionary

When Olsen and Litherland turned

## Men on a mission



Alexandra Janosek/The Daily Iowan  
 Mormon missionaries Todd Olsen, left, and Richard Litherland "share a message of peace and joy" with Elizabeth, left, and Jodi Hemmingson, while visiting door-to-door in Iowa City.

## UISG looks at student policy

A resolution on student rights faces a vote at tonight's UI Student Government meeting.

By Cori Zarek  
 The Daily Iowan

The voice of UI students may be a little louder if a resolution on students rights is passed at tonight's UI Student Government meeting, said Dan Beck, the resolution's sponsor and a UISG Interfraternity Council senator.

Titled "Resolution to Protect the Rights of Students," it calls attention to the right for all students and student groups to be consulted and give input to the administration for any major policy change, Beck said.

"UISG is already doing this for groups, groups like Greeks already have administrative venues," he said. "but smaller groups don't have the means to talk to administrators like Greeks."

The resolution was brought up at the Oct. 28 meeting, but was tabled due to time constraints. It came in response to UI administrators' deci-

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## K-Mart handles thievery

An employee allegedly stole thousands of dollars of merchandise from an Iowa City K-Mart.

By Christina McNamara  
 The Daily Iowan

An employee of an Iowa City discount store has allegedly admitted to stealing thousands of dollars worth of merchandise over an 18-month period, and the total may be more than \$27,000, authorities said.

Bessie Caley, 2018 Waterfront Drive, an employee at K-Mart, 901 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Nov. 14 with fourth-degree theft after two of her fellow employees, including a loss-prevention officer, allegedly witnessed her placing merchandise that she had not purchased into her bag.

When Caley was confronted, she had approximately \$250 in merchandise in her possession and admitted to stealing it, said Jim Steffan, an Iowa City police sergeant.

Caley, 35, told police her thefts amounted to \$200 a day for 50 days since August, according to court records.

Detective Troy Kelsay of the Iowa City Police Department said he

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## Teamster president disqualified from election

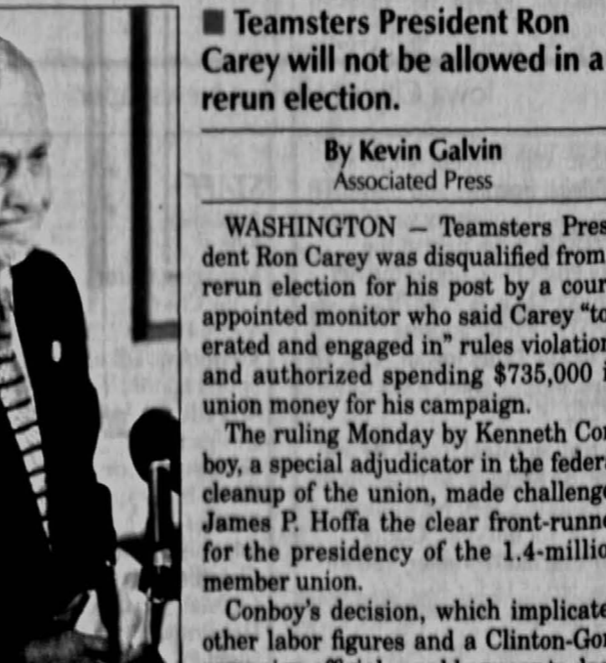
Teamsters President Ron Carey will not be allowed in a rerun election.

By Kevin Galvin  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Teamsters President Ron Carey was disqualified from a rerun election for his post by a court-appointed monitor who said Carey "tolerated and engaged in" rules violations and authorized spending \$735,000 in union money for his campaign.

The ruling Monday by Kenneth Conboy, a special adjudicator in the federal cleanup of the union, made challenger James P. Hoffa the clear front-runner for the presidency of the 1.4-million member union.

Conboy's decision, which implicated other labor figures and a Clinton-Gore campaign official, would appear to dash any hopes the reform-minded Carey



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had of again heading a union long-plagued by corruption.

Carey "tolerated and engaged in extensive rules violations," Conboy said, adding that Carey authorized spending \$735,000 in union treasury funds "to help his flagging campaign."

"I have determined that the appropriate exercise of discretion in this case is to disqualify Mr. Carey from participating as a candidate in the rerun election," Conboy wrote. He said it was impossible to "excuse the impact of such significant electoral misconduct."

It was not immediately clear whether Carey would appeal, but his campaign issued a statement in which he said he was "proud of what Teamsters members have accomplished" during his administration.

"The reform movement in the Teamsters union does not depend on one man or woman," he said.

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Metro & Nation

Councilors ponder downtown facelift

From an updated water fountain to newly designed sidewalks, councilors considered changes to downtown Iowa City Monday night.

By Laura Heinauer The Daily Iowan

A new plan designed to give downtown a proverbial facelift was considered at a Iowa City City Council work session Monday night...

In a meeting between the council and landscape architect Bob Kost, councilors looked at ways to upgrade and enhance some of the structures in the downtown area...

If implemented, Kost said, Iowa City residents could expect to see changes resulting from the first phase of the plan by next summer.

Kost, of the BHW consultant firm in Minneapolis, suggested lighting and maintenance improvements in the woodwork and brick streets in the Pedestrian Mall...

He also advocated removal of the city's fountain and playground, saying these structures fail to meet Americans with Disability Act standards...

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happen," he said. Alternate designs for the fountain and the removal of brick streets to accommodate pedestrians who wear high heels met with resistance by councilors who said too much change sacrifices Iowa City's downtown character.

"Those bricks were made in Iowa City, and a lot of residents had input in the design of that fountain," Mayor Naomi Novick said.

Larry Baker welcomed the changes, saying something should be done to ensure safety to reduce the city's liability.

"That fountain has outlived its usefulness... and now that we have raised public awareness of its danger, we can expect lawsuits," Baker said.

In other matters concerning public safety, the question of whether Iowa City should use sharpshooters to control its growing deer population surfaced again Monday night.

In response to a debate that aroused safety concerns of councilors and local residents at an Oct. 21 council meeting, the Deer Management Committee said it would support the use of professional sharpshooters approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture...

A high estimate of \$175 per killed deer was made by the sharpshooters, according to Lisa Handwerker, administrative assistant to the city manager and member of the deer committee.

Hunting with bows and arrows is currently the only method allowed by state law to control urban deer populations; however, the deer committee concluded that sharpshooting would be the best response to deer reduction in Iowa City.

Iowa briefs

Still waiting for results

The Iowa State Patrol is still awaiting toxicology results from last week's accident involving a West Branch couple who were killed after running a stop sign...

Kevin W. Lovell, 22 and Jeri Lovell, 19, were driving eastbound on 400th Street, Nov. 11 when they ran a stop sign and hit a truck driven by Anthony Grover...

Investigators were able to determine from the accident scene that Kevin Lovell had run the stop sign, Cox said. Nothing at the scene suggested alcohol was a factor in the accident...

Kevin Lovell had several prior traffic violations, Johnson County court documents said, including failing to maintain control, speeding and disobeying a traffic signal.

Grover and his passenger Darren Shulista were admitted to the UI Hospitals and Clinics that night. Shulista, who was thrown from the truck, was listed in fair condition Monday night...

The Lovells were killed just three days short of their five-month wedding anniversary.

By Steven Cook

Hospital: McCaughey in good condition; no date set for delivery

DES MOINES (AP) — A central Iowa woman waiting to give birth to septuplets remained in good condition Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center...

Bobbi McCaughey, 29, of Carlisle is in her 31st week of the pregnancy and has been hospitalized since Oct. 15 as doctors closely monitor her condition. Her fetuses will be delivered by Caesarean section.

"There's still nothing planned; there's no set date," said spokesperson Kim Waltman. "It's just going to happen when it happens."

Multiple births typically do not go the full term, but doctors want Mrs. McCaughey's pregnancy to continue for as long as possible.

While McCaughey is nine weeks shy of the typical 40-week gestation period, she is at least three weeks beyond the point doctors consider viable for the fetuses.

The only other known set of septuplets born in the United States was in May 1985 in Orange, Calif., to Samuel and Patricia Frustaci.

In their 28th week of development, one was stillborn, three died within 19 days of their birth and the remaining three had medical and developmental problems.

Oelwein man charged with murder in Fayette man's death

WEST UNION, Iowa (AP) — A Fayette County farmer was killed after refusing to let a group of men and women take his favorite pickup truck.

Fayette County sheriff's deputies charged Jeff A. Sawvel, 22, of Oelwein with first-degree murder in the Saturday shooting death of Gehlen E. Quandt, 70, of rural Fayette.

Sheriff Virgil Smith said Sawvel was in a group of three men and two women whose car went into a ditch near Quandt's farm about three miles east of Fayette.

Smith said the group approached the farm about 9:30 p.m. and a quarrel ensued with Quandt.

"Things went from bad to worse," the sheriff said.

The group left the farm in the truck, which ended up in a ditch after a climb up an icy hill. The group went their separate ways on foot.

Two of the five, whom Smith would not identify, called authorities about 45 minutes after the shooting. Sawvel was arrested at his home on Sunday and is in the county jail; the other four were questioned and were not charged.

'Suicide by cop' hits again in New York

To escape debts, a New York college student planned his own suicidal shooting by police.

By Frank Eltman Associated Press

NEW YORK — By most accounts, Moshe "Moe" Pergament was a well-mannered college student. So polite that he addressed a note to police apologizing for what he was about to do.

On the night of Nov. 14, Pergament, depressed over a reported \$6,000 in gambling debts, got himself shot to death by police on Long Island by pointing what turned out to be a toy gun at them, police said.

Police call it "suicide by cop" — and they've seen it before.

"I'm sorry to get you involved," the 19-year-old Pergament had written in a letter addressed in advance to "the officer who shot me!"

"I just needed to die," he wrote. Neighbors and friends said the Nassau Community College student was quiet, polite, well-liked and seemingly carefree.

Pergament bought a \$1.79 silver-colored toy revolver on the day of his death. He also went to a card store near his home in Manhasset and bought nine greeting cards that he made out to family and friends.

"He looked like he was really depressed," said Solange Ramirez, a clerk at the card store.

According to police, Pergament was speeding and driving erratically on the Long Island Expressway, apparently in an effort to get stopped. When Officer Thomas Pollock pulled the car over in Syosset, Pergament jumped out and began waving his arms wildly.

Pollock ordered Pergament back into the car, and Pergament pulled the toy revolver from his waistband. A second officer, Anthony Sica, arrived.

Police said Pergament began advancing, ignoring repeated commands to drop the gun. The two officers fired a total of as many as three shots.

Police have not revealed the contents of the goodbye cards, found in the car with Pergament's suicide note. The note read:

"Officer, it was a plan. I'm sorry to get you involved. I just needed to die. Please send my letters and break the news slowly to my family and let them know I had to do this. And that I love them very much.

"I'm sorry for getting you involved. Please remember that this was all my doing. You had no way of knowing. Moe Pergament."

Police believe Pergament was distressed over gambling debts, reportedly \$6,000 lost on the World Series last month.

Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon said no charges will be brought against the officers, who remain on duty.

LEGAL MATTERS & CALENDAR

Possession of alcohol under the legal age — Rebecca M. Vail, Burge Residence Hall Room 1234, was fined \$145.

District Robbery, first degree — Kevin L. Howard, Des Moines, preliminary hearing has been set for Nov. 25 at 2 p.m.

Burglary, second degree — Matthew D. McFadden, Muscatine, preliminary hearing has been set for Nov. 25 at 2 p.m.

Criminal mischief, fourth degree — Anton J. Brown, address unknown, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Domestic abuse with injury — Scott R. Dawley, Crawfordsville, Iowa, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Theft, fourth degree — Larry L. Hook, 915 N. Governor, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Possession of a false driver's license — Christopher P. Berger, Dubuque, was fined \$90; Rebecca M. Vail, Burge Residence Hall Room 1234, was fined \$112.50.

Obstructing officers — Rebecca M. Vail, Burge Residence Hall Room 1234, was fined \$90.

Operating while intoxicated, second offense — Felipe E. Tovor, 751 W. Benton Apt. 6, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Operating while intoxicated, third offense — Susan A. Gates, North Liberty, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Driving while suspended — Shane S. Thirtyacre, Coralville, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Operating while intoxicated — Thomas P. Schneller, Davenport, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Operating while intoxicated — Melanie R. Williams, Ottumwa, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Operating while intoxicated — Shane C. Archibald, Coralville, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Driving while barred — Kimberly L. Merriott, 2410 Lakeside Dr. Apt. 4, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Possession of a controlled substance — Melanie R. Williams, Ottumwa, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Possession of a controlled substance — Clint A. Jones, West Branch, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Public intoxication, third and subsequent — James M. Fritz, transient, preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

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GET OUT OF THE BOX John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center Spring 1998 Class Schedule. List of courses including Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Persuasion and Communication, Managing Technology Transfer, Strategic Management of Technology & Innovation, Real Estate and Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurial Marketing, Entrepreneurship & New Business Formation, Capital Acquisition & Cash Flow Management.

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## Viewpoints

### Letters to the Editor

#### Miller should have known the risks

To the Editor:

It makes me sick seeing people sue for problems that they cause themselves or accidents that are unavoidable. The case of former UI student Todd Miller suing Metallica for injuries that arose from a concert he attended is a perfect example. Miller blames Metallica for being hurt while being passed around the crowd and says that Metallica should have foreseen the accident.

I say that when Miller attended the concert and went into the mosh pit, he should have realized the risks he was taking. If he can point out that Metallica should have foreseen the accident, I stand to reason that he, too, should have seen the accident coming.

How could Metallica have stopped the crowd? The band, even though it influences it, does not control the crowd; the crowd controls itself. When Miller saw that people were being passed around it fell into his hands to accept the responsibility for what happened when he stayed there. If he felt uncomfortable, he should have left and found another place to stand or sit. Anyone going to concerts nowadays knows what happens at them, especially in mosh pits, and should be considered responsible for themselves and their actions at these concerts. It is ridiculous that a band can be held responsible for what the people coming to the concert do. The bands are hired to entertain, not baby-sit.

Ryan Elgin  
UI senior

#### To the Regents, from COGS/UE

To the Editor:

Open letter to the Board of Regents from the membership of COGS/UE Local 896, ratified at the General Meeting of October 16, 1997.

Whereas:

- 1) the Iowa Board of Regents is preparing to raise in-state tuition by 1.9 percent or more;
- 2) tuition and fees at the University of Iowa have risen more than 40 percent since 1990, far outstripping the rate of inflation and growth in median family income;
- 3) over the last two decades, the percentage of UI's revenue coming from state appropriations declined from 70 to 60.1 percent;
- 4) during the same twenty-year period, the percentage of UI's revenue coming from tuition and fees increased from 20.2 to 29.2 percent;
- 5) average debt of graduating students at UI has nearly doubled from \$8,761 to \$16,241 over the last four years;
- 6) the percentage of college costs covered by the maximum Pell Grant has declined from 80 to 40 percent since 1980, creating special hardship for low-income and working-class students;
- 7) the state of Iowa has seen a budget surplus of hundreds of millions of dollars in each of the last four years, including a \$657.1 million surplus in 1996;
- 8) according to a study funded by the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, and the Iowa United Auto Workers, corporate tax breaks and subsidies to businesses from the state of Iowa amount to \$939 million per year (roughly four times the state appropriation to the UI);
- 9) COGS supports UISG's call for accountability as a valuable first step;
- 10) demanding tuition waivers for graduate employees without opposing tuition hike for all students is unprincipled and undermines solidarity with undergraduates and graduate students not currently covered by our contract.

Be it resolved that:

- 1) UE 896/COGS incorporate in our 1997-98 Program principled opposition to any tuition hike for graduate or

undergraduate students at the University of Iowa;

- 2) in letter form, this resolution be sent to the Board of Regents and published in *The Daily Iowan*;
- 3) our union organize active opposition to any tuition hike, linking our demand for tuition waivers to the demand for a tuition freeze for all students.

Maya Anaokar  
Jonathan Kissam  
Leslie Taylor  
Co-presidents  
Campaign to Organize Graduate Students

#### In praise of Bob Elliot

To the Editor:

I have been a die-hard Iowa football fan for as long as I can remember. Now, as a student at the University of Iowa, I'm even more of a fan. I was really intrigued by the article, "Iowa's top talent is Bob Elliot" (*DI*, Nov. 3), by Mike Triplett that was written on Bob Elliot and his defensive genius.

It made me feel good to read this article on how the members of the football team respected and backed up their defensive general. It was great to hear how Jason House, Jared DeVries, and Eric Thigpen repeatedly praised their coach. They talked of the great schemes that Coach Elliot has developed and the supreme confidence that the coach has driven into the minds of his players. I believe this shows the great respect the players have in Coach Elliot as a coach, but also as a human being.

I really believe Iowa fans need to appreciate what Coach Elliot has done for our program. He has brought an exciting scheme of man-to-man coverage and blitzing linebackers that fans love to watch on Saturdays afternoons. I think this was showcased in last week's big win over Purdue. After Purdue got off to a quick start, Coach Elliot and his defense blitzed the Boilermakers' offense and shut it down. The defense held Billy Dicken and the high-powered Purdue offense, which led the Big Ten in offense, to only 295 yards in total offense, totally shutting down their offense in the second half.

I would like to congratulate and thank Coach Elliot and his defense for their superb efforts. Time and time again the defense has played great games, Michigan, Indiana, Purdue, and given our offense a chance to score points. Now, going to games on Saturday afternoons, Iowa fans can be assured of a defensive gem orchestrated by the genius we all know as Coach Bob Elliot.

Kirk Kronaizl  
UI sophomore

#### Why no coverage of forum in *DI*?

To the Editor:

From Oct. 14-17, a "Veritas Forum" was held on our campus. This series of lectures and other events was cosponsored by the University of Iowa Lecture Committee and several recognized student groups. I was extremely surprised and disappointed that *The Daily Iowan* failed to provide any coverage of these events.

At first I thought that perhaps the focus of the *DI* might be more on national and international news, rather than on events that occur locally on campus. However, in looking through recent issues, I have observed that lectures, forums, and rallies held on campus concerning abortion, Muslim stereotyping, commemoration of the Million Man March, domestic violence, military recruiting, and tuition waivers for graduate students were all covered in news articles.

I then thought that perhaps the attendance at the Veritas Forum events

was too small to merit coverage. The attendance figures I obtained from the organizers and IMU staff (where many of the Veritas Forum events were held) were as follows: Tuesday afternoon - 250, Tuesday night - 450, Wednesday afternoon - 135, Wednesday night - 450, Thursday noon - 700, Thursday night - 650, and Friday night - 900.

In contrast, although not all of the news items I read concerning other events held during the same time period mentioned attendance figures, I can provide the following quotes from three articles: "The lecture, attended by 25 people," "Fifteen to 20 students are expected to attend the event," and "Organizers are expecting around 200 people to attend tonight's event."

Thus, projected and/or actual attendance appears not to be related to the *DI*'s coverage of campus activities.

This leaves me with the question: What exactly are the policies of *DI* in terms of providing pre-event news articles and post-event coverage of university-sponsored events on this campus?

Chuck Davis  
UI professor of preventive medicine

#### Why the bureaucratic mess in the DHS?

To the Editor:

On May 30, 1997, I tried to seek the procedure for visitation of a minor child held in foster care in Iowa from Iowa's Department of Human Service (DHS) in Vinton. When my daughter and I arrived in June for a short vacation to my native state, I believed DHS's statement that there would be no difficulty in our visiting our relative. Little did I know of the methods that would be employed to forestall our visiting with this child.

When I asked a supervisor for a clear understanding of the procedure, I was passed from one civil servant to another. When I asked for the procedure to file a complaint, I was told there is none. When I wrote to a district administrator asking for an understanding of how to file a complaint, he told me the procedure was "confidential." Iowa's Department of Justice informed me that it could not tell me the procedure; if the child had an attorney, I should contact that entity.

Apparently, Iowans have never heard of the rights granted by the First Amendment: the right to petition our government. Surely, I am not the first to ask, "How may I file a complaint?" Where is your outrage against the abuse of your civil rights? Where are the watch-dog committees that Iowans are noted to employ against wrong-doers? Have Iowans become so complacent that they accept the denial of constitutional rights?

DHS states that it is the agency that keeps families together and yet it has proffered no reason as to the pass-the-buck game or denial of visitation rights. DHS should be obliged, if in fact it strives to keep the families intact, to have clear procedures that are open, honest, and equitable for all to read and understand. Procedures such as visitation and complaint filing need not hide behind a cloak of secrecy. DHS should not be a loose cannon, an entity so monstrous as to be unengaged by the voters.

In June, your state legislature passed a bill opening the door for restorative family visitation for foster children. When I requested this information of your attorney general, I received no information as to your new family law but was instructed to consult with an attorney. It is a pity DHS is so jaded in its understanding of its role as a responsible, social advocacy for the family unit that they find this law inapplicable to their own agency.

Ellen Lea Abrego  
San Bernardino, Calif.

#### A plea for funding information

To the Editor:

How many of you would be thrilled at the prospect of being selected to give a keynote presentation during a historically significant world women's and ecological conference, which will bring together over 500 participants representing more than 15 countries?

Such an invitation has been extended to me to present at "Women: Personal is Political, Local is Global," which is being held Dec. 8-10, 1997, in St. Petersburg, Russia. As a therapist and multimedia artist, I have been asked to make a keynote presentation on the subject of constructing creative Web sites that serve to foster an appreciation for diversity.

Designed to promote a better understanding of human rights, the conference

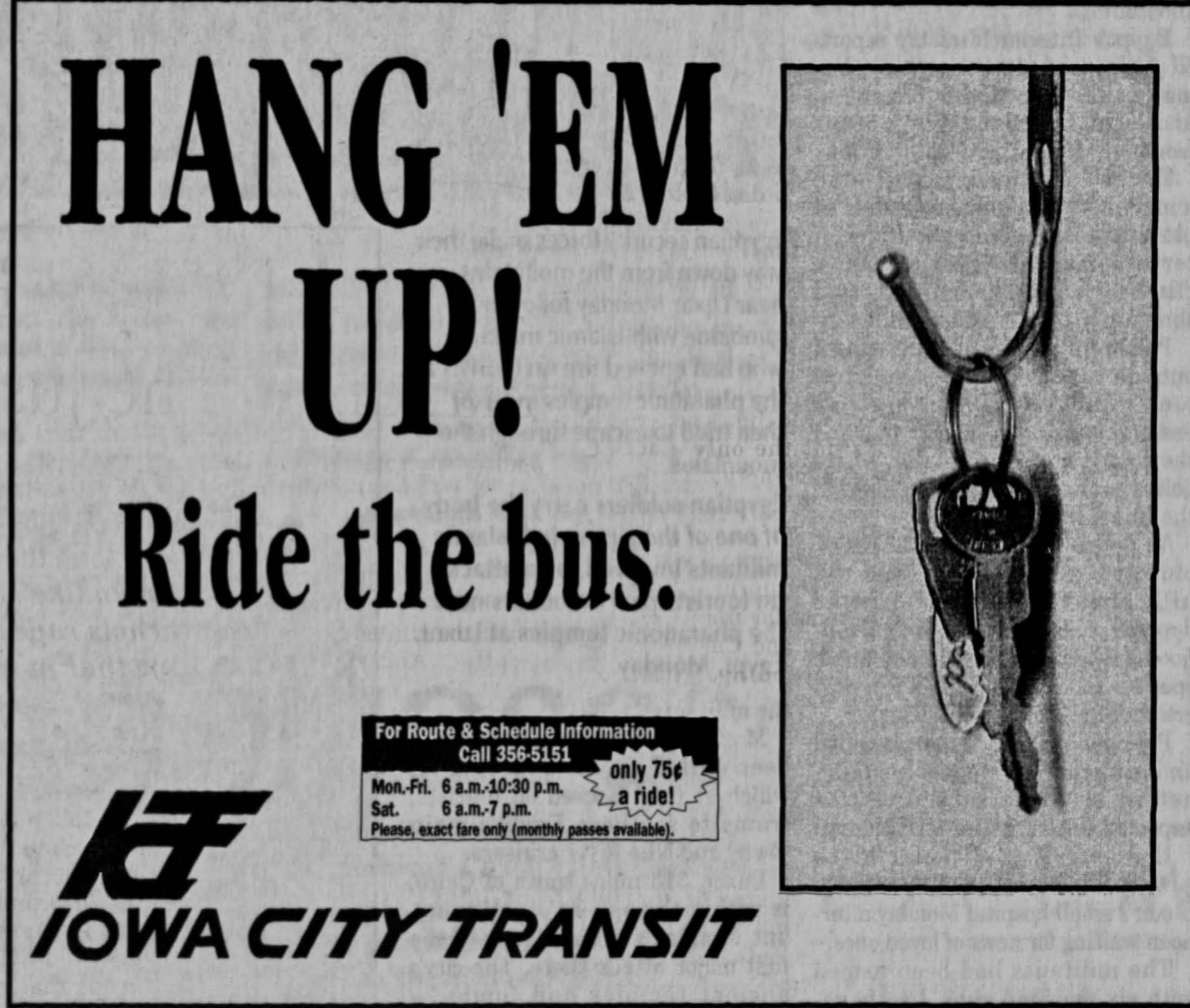
is part of a Sister to Sister Project which has previously sponsored educational conferences on a regionalized basis in the U.S., Russia and Turkey. This is the first world conference for the sponsoring organization, Woman and Earth Global Eco-Network.

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women in prisons and the increasing incidence of rape in Soviet society. The limits of official tolerance for these writings in Brezhnev's time was demonstrated by the arrest of several leaders of the movement, some of whom were forced to leave their homeland in 1980.

As a non-traditional student, I continue my post-graduate studies. My lack of finances, along with my desire and determination to be part of the conference, influence me to ask your readers for suggestions regarding how to go about getting monetary assistance at this late date. It could be considered a "loan" and in exchange I would make presentations in the community upon my return. Contact me at P.O. Box 692, Iowa City, IA 52244 or at bbianchi@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu.

Barbara Bianchi  
UI student

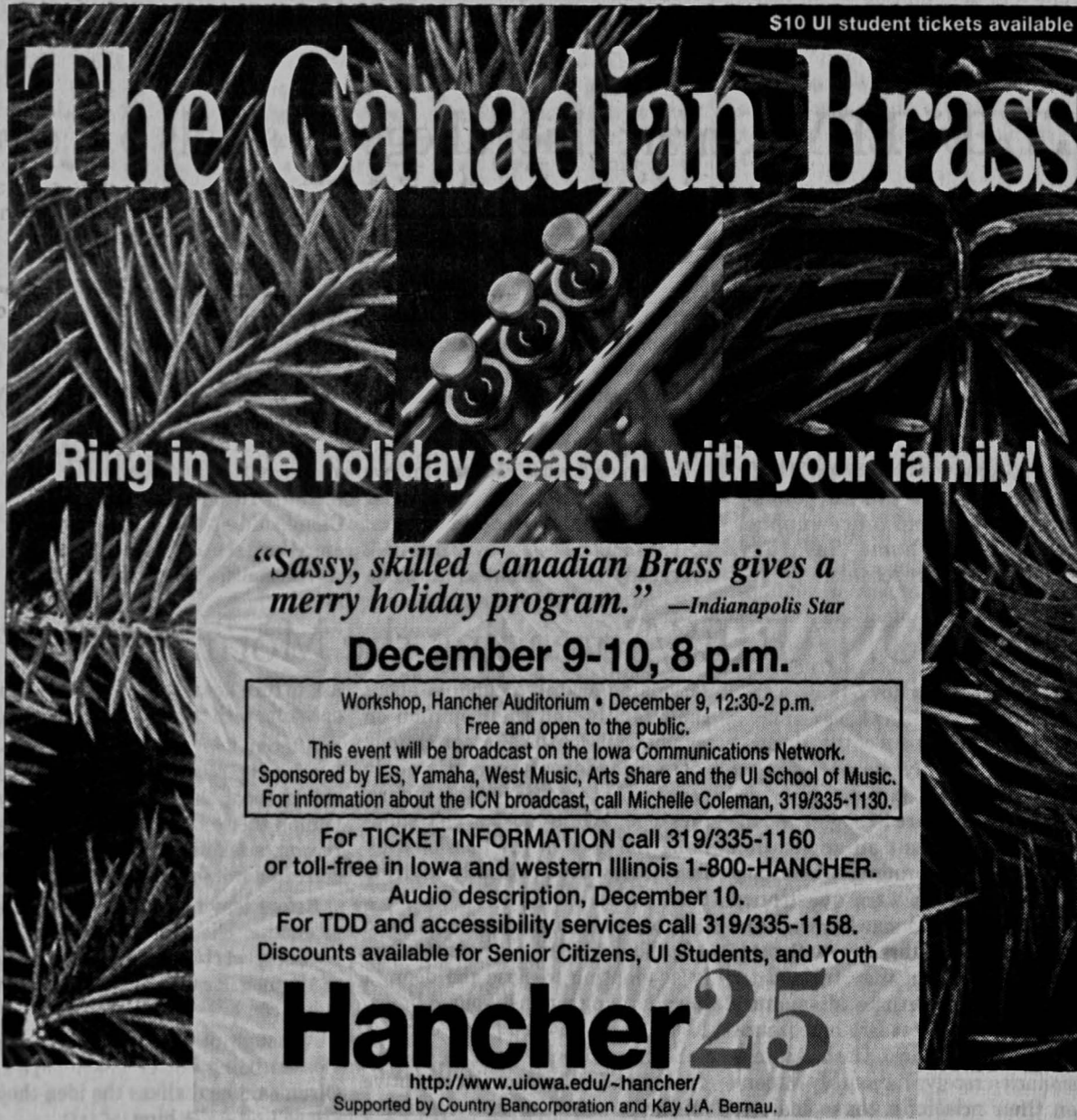


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